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Lord Roberts of Candahar, G.C.B., R.A., V.C., the Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces now at the War.

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T. DREW.—11 miles 932¼ yards by W. G. George.
X. Y. Z.—Wild Night and Black Fury.
F. HARDY.—1. Bendigo won from Caunt. 2. No.
H. BOLTER.—About four years.
READY.—Ariel trotted 50 miles under four hours.
SUBSCRIBER.—11ft 6½in is a pole record. R. G. Clapp did 11ft 10½in.
FLUSH.—Sam Loates 160 wins.
R. A.—It would make him a professional.
H. BROWN.—With gloves.
P. ROGERS.—1. 8st 6lb. 2. At two o'clock.
H. WISE.—1. He won in ten rounds. 2. Yes, an extra round.
T. DALY.—He could refuse the bet.
C. D.—There are several clubs in London.
H. C. BLAKE.—You will find Lessons in Boxing are continued this week.
D. (Cardiff).—The price complete is 18s. 6d.
INTERESTED (Morley).—Fitzsimmons and Corbett fought at Carson City, Nevada, U.S.A., March 17, 1897.
TROUBLESOME.—1. To be taken in the order they were placed on the paper. 2. Candidates for offices. 3. The difference is about 68,000 square miles in favour of the Transvaal.
G. M. A. (Aberavon).—No, Billy Plimmer was never Morgan Crowther's weight. Fred Johnson, of Hackney.
R. W. C.—You must be mistaken.
C. TYLER.—1. 8st 10lb. 2. A few miles from London.
T. PACK.—You do not require any license.
P. P.—1. We think he is at present in Aberdeen. 2. No, always failures.
ARTHUR.—Decidedly, the pack must be cut.
T. PHILBROOK.—The Lucania, 5dys 7hr 23min.
MERRY.—440 yards, ten hurdles 3ft 6in in height.
COWIE (Bannockburn).—Corbett, 39in; Fitzsimmons, 42½in.
GLASGOW.—On receipt of three penny stamps will forward copy.
J. T. (Oldham).—Joe Walcott's height is 5ft 1½in. About 10st.
T. RICHARDS.—J. Gaudaur defeated J. Stanbury for the title.
B. COLOR.—Arthur A. Chase covered 33 miles 712yd in the hour.
D. A.—He won the championship of America, not the world.
R. C.—Four days.
K. M.—The journey was accomplished in ten hours.
W. TINKLER.—Cassock's Pride.
H. J. WEST.—No.
C. BIGNELL.—They are not related.
D. D.—Half a round would mean in the first round.
CONSTANT SUBSCRIBER.—Sheffield United.
J. LEEDS.—1. H. Hutchens scratch. 2. Non-starter.
T. A. PORTER.—Chandler's leap was 37ft.
MIDAD.—1. With six-ounce gloves. 2. Yes.
W. E.—At Pentre, in the Rhondda Valley.
W. CHARTER.—He cleared 76ft 3in with five forward jumps.
T. S.—It is a double event bet.
R. O. B.—Height is 5ft 1½in. Born in Barbados.
F. EASY.—They only fought once.
C. G. WRIGHT.—He is now in South Africa.
T. DUFF.—What you require is Ring Records, price 5d.

(Several Answers crowded out.)

ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL MATCH MADE BY "THE MIRROR OF LIFE."

THE TOMMY HOGAN v. BILLY CHESTER CONTEST AT THE N.S.C.

VISIT OF SAM FITZPATRICK, TOMMY HOGAN, AND JEM RYAN TO "THE MIRROR OF LIFE."

WELCOME as the flowers in May! were the above-named trio as they stepped into the sanctum of THE MIRROR OF LIFE on Thursday. The travellers had arrived at Waterloo about 1 a.m. on the above-named morning, when they put up at the Hotel Cecil, from whence, after breakfast, their first call was to THE MIRROR OF LIFE. Sam, Tom, and Jem looking particularly fresh after their trip in the St. Louis from New York reached THE MIRROR OF LIFE office about 1 p.m., just twelve hours after their arrival in London. We had seen the genial Sam Fitzpatrick many a time and oft notably when Sam came over with the stalwart Peter Jackson about eleven years since, and more recently when Sam captained "Kid" Lavigne. Therefore Sam, who has waxed fat and prosperous looking, was no stranger; but we had yet to make the acquaintance of the two new comers, Tommy Hogan and Jem Ryan. So much individually did the present-day boxer, as represented by Jemmy and Tommy, bear to the past that we could almost "hark back old time," and imagine that once again we were in the company of a couple of pugilistic scrappers of the "brave days of old." Tommy Hogan is no new fistic knight fresh to the field of glory, yet to win his spurs. Hogan, although only twenty-seven, is a veteran, as far as deeds are concerned, having commenced the fighting business nine years or more ago. There is a hiatus or lapse of twenty years between the British boxer and the old ring professor, so that the modern boxer is, and looks, a different specimen of the genus fighter; but Tommy Hogan takes us back to other days, looking as he does a direct descendant of the Hogans, the Collins, the Drews, the Gollaghers, and the numerous family of fighters who used to assemble once upon a time at the West-end drums and fight for purses of about a twentieth part the magnitude that second-rate boxers now demand for a boxing contest. Jem Ryan both in build and almost in attire has all the characteristics of the middle-weight of old. In build Ryan comes near what Joe Goss, Jem Mace, and others of the middle-weight fraternity were forty years or more ago. With the legs and thighs (where the weight of a fighter is not required) conspicuously thin, and looking thinner by being encased in tight trousers, Jem Ryan has the fine shoulders, loins, chest, and arms which were conspicuous in the natural fighter forty years or more ago, Fitzsimmons and Ryan being built upon the same lines. Jemmy has not come over here for pleasure; he is on business bent, and wishes to tackle the best middle-weight in England, nobody barred. "Dido" Plumb preferred.

We do not wish to crow without a reason, but the Hogan v. Chester match is another of the long list of contests between American and English boxers made by THE MIRROR OF LIFE. Bill Chester, the new feather-weight star, languished, as did "Pedlar" Palmer, Willie Smith, Ben Jordan, and others too numerous to mention, languished for a fight, no boxer in the British Isles being able to extend them, and it was THE MIRROR OF LIFE representative in New York who made the matches for these boxers, and found them work in their profession when no other pioneer or boxing agent in advance had an existence. The sporting Britisher may have heard of Tommy Hogan, now they will have an opportunity of seeing him play his part at the N.S.C. with the best unbeaten British feather-weight that can be brought to meet him. Boxers in the States, of whom the British public knew little except by repute, have been imported to this country by means of our representative, who has spared neither time nor money in order to unearth boxing talent to find out whether England could produce a boxing champion. It is said the farmer who makes two blades of wheat grow where one has formerly occupied the soil is a benefactor to his species, and we think THE MIRROR OF LIFE, which has been the means of making many boxing matches, without which aid there would only have been few, has proved a benefactor to boxing generally Like the lesson taught the English by the Boers, it was a good job the British boxer had the opportunity of meeting the American one. It showed the native, who had only in his modern boxing recently learned a lost art, where he was at fault—a lesson which the English boxer should not fail to profit. The boxing public knowing nothing of better things thought that they had something unbeatable in "Pedlar" Palmer until Terry McGovern taught the Britisher how to fight and defeat an opponent with a world-wide reputation in one round. Tommy Hogan, Sam Fitzpatrick, and Jem Ryan, in company with a representative of THE MIRROR OF LIFE, made tracks for the N.S.C. on Thursday afternoon, where arrangements were made for the forthcoming match with the new and undefeated pugilistic star, Bill Chester, an event which will take place at the N.S.C. on Monday, February 26. The next best thing after Sam, Tommy, and Jem had looked round London town and seen the sights was to find comfortable training quarters for the new comers. New candidates with training quarters had arisen since Sam Fitzpatrick, in company with "Kid" Lavigne, last visited this country. We knew that most foreigners (Bill Heffernan included) had been satisfied with the treatment ladled out by Host Brown, of the Derby Arms, East Sheen, so armed with a letter of introduction from THE MIRROR OF LIFE the friends, after an enjoyable trip round town, made tracks for Sam Brown's. We shall have more to say about this match in the dim and distant future, so for the present we shall finish up this most recent international match made by THE MIRROR OF LIFE by giving Tommy Hogan's and also Jemmy Ryan's records. Hogan's record is as follows: Beat Jemmy Kennard "St. Paul Kid," 6rds; beat Tom Ward, 26rds; beat Mike Reagan, 11rds; beat Joe Shaw, 14rds; beat Paddy Devlin, 8rds; beat Jack Steiner, 9rds; beat Jack Mason, 11rds; beat Jack Brennan, 10rds; beat Joe Harper, 7rds; beat Johnny Moran, 16rds; beat Jack Bates, 17rds; beat John McHugh, 22rds; beat John Hanlon, 6rds; beat Jemmy Ridge, 4rds; draw with Charlie Ganner, 44rds (Sacramento); beat "Solly" Smith, 30rds; beat Sid Huntington, 18rds; beat Johnny Reagan, 4rds; beat Billy Savage, 4rds; beat Jem Brown, 11rds; beat J. F. Whealan, 4rds; beat Jem Dougherty, 3rds; beat Billy O'Donnell twice, 4rds each; beat Johnny Fagan 7rds; beat Gus Eskaland, 1rd; beat John T. O'Brien, 3rds; beat Eddie Schoenbrun, 5rds; draw with Charley Webber, 8rds; beat Paddy Carney twice, 1 and 3rds; beat Jemmy Porter twice, 5 and 8rds; beat George Franklin, 1rd; beat Harry Finnick, "Arkansas Kid," 6rds; beat Frank Logan, 6rds; draw with Tommy White, 8rds; beat Harry Kennedy, heavy-weight, 2rds; beat Bob Carroll, 2rds; beat Dave Reece, 26rds; beat George Schultz, 3rds; beat Australian Murphy, 10rds; beat "Bud" Lally, 9rds; beat Charley Sinsher, 10rds; beat Charley Burns, 10rds; beat Billy Teller, 10rds; beat Gus Muller, 10rds; beat Jack Doherty, 6rds; beat Willie Keefe, 7rds, after the latter had defeated "Spike" Sullivan; beat Black Griffo, 10rds; beat Jemmy Clare, 7rds; draw with Marty McCue, 20rds; lost to Joe Hopkins on a foul, 5rds; beat Bill Heffernan, South Africa Welter, 1rd; bested Oscar Gardner, 20rds; beat Eugene Bezenah, 18rds; beat Eugene Bezenah, 20rds; beat Johnny Van Heest, 13rds; beat Jack Dougherty, 5rds; beat Jack O'Keefe, 3rds; draw, Martin Flaherty, 20rds; draw, Oscar Gardner, 10rds; beat London Campbell, 9rds; beat Jack McClelland, 20rds; beat Jack Foley, 2rds; beat Jack Delany, 15rds. Australian Jemmy Ryan arrived in San Francisco in 1893. His principal contests are as follows: beat John L. Herget (Young Mitchell) 7rds; Ike Hays, 15rds; "Mysterious" Billy Smith, 7rds; Jem Watts, 19rds; Gus Gorman, 3rds; The "Terrible" Swede, 7rds; Nick Burley, 1rd; Charley Turner, 5rds; Ed Johnson, 3rds; "Doc" Payne, 7rds; Jack Reagan, 3rds.

FRED NORFIELD will box Frank Payne, of Walworth, if Dick Hook will give a purse.

THE STONEMASON'S LOVE.

I was brought up to the sound of the song and the hammers which marked its rhythm, as the stone-cutters worked and sung, from morning to night. From the time that I was old enough to walk I passed my time in the stoneyard, seated on a stone, watching with admiration and delight the movements of the men and listening to the different sounds produced by the varying quality of the stones under the mallet and chisel. The men filled me with delighted enthusiasm. There was one who impressed me more than any of the others, and whose memory is vivid in my mind to this day He was a fine figure of a man, tall, strong, healthy, and his face seemed to have absorbed some expression from his profession, it was so stern, calm, and unchangeable. His name, I think, was Joseph Roberts, but he was called "Silence" by the other workmen, on account of his rarity of speech. He was liked by everyone, however, for in his silence there was nothing churlish, but simply the revelation of a quiet nature. "Silence" took his meals with the other workmen at a little boarding-house in the village. The house was an example of the old-fashioned country inn, and through its wide halls and big rooms there now resounded the laughter of a pretty girl. Why Silence should have fallen in love with eighteen-year-old Marie when he must have been much older than she, and more subdued and reticent, it is hard to say. I was at the age when one is not particularly interested in these things. The fact remains that this seemingly cold, hard man performed for the girl a thousand little acts of tender thoughtfulness, and changed colour at a smile or word from her. I remember that he went every evening when work was over to pick a bouquet, that she might have in her window a bunch of her favourite field flowers. Soon the condition of his heart was a secret to no one, his companions having surprised many a look of admiration thrown to Marie, and then there commenced a series of mockeries and rough, good-natured jests, of which he was the victim. But he, wrapped in his silence and his dream, worked away and paid no attention to what went on around him. They used to think that he did not even hear them talk, but the day came when they found out their mistake. Marie herself seemed to have found pleasure in taming this savage and finally showed quite openly, by her smiles and glances, that she wished to encourage her lover still further. It was understood that they were to be married, though I think nothing had been arranged definitely between them. About this time a new workman came to the yard, an Italian named Ranco, who became, from the moment of his arrival, a personal enemy of Silence. It is no wonder that this was the case, as Ranco was conceited, loud, and a runner after girls, rumour even stating that he was a breaker of hearts. He looked the part, too, with his black eyes, curly hair, and handsome face. He took his meals with the others, and it was plainly seen that Marie was not insensible to the languishing looks he bestowed upon her. All her tender little attentions to Silence ceased also, and she became changed, so that everyone noticed it. Her laugh came less often, and had no longer a spontaneous ring. She was quiet and silent as her old lover to whom she paid no attention. One day, a day I shall never forget, for I was there, sitting on my stone, and saw it all, Ranco came into the yard with a flower in his coat. "Where did you get the flower?" asked someone. "Marie gave it to me for a kiss," replied Ranco, in his careless way. Silence dropped his mallet and turned toward his rival. "Who?" "Marie—Marie is what I said, old tight-mouth. Have you anything to say?" replied the Italian, insolently, as he picked up his mallet, ready to begin work. "Yes, I have this to say," answered Silence, "that you are a liar! And this to do——" and he snatched the flower from the buttonhole of Ranco's coat. With a cry of rage Ranco sprang forward, raised his mallet high in the air and brought it down with a crash upon Silence's head. He dropped to the ground instantly. In the excitement which followed the Italian escaped and it was not until they knew that their friend was dead that they thought of his murderer. It was too late. Ranco had gone and no trace of him was ever found. Marie was inconsolable. For months she would see no one, would speak to no one. Her face took an expression of stern silence which much resembled that of her dead lover. Her nervous prostration was such that her friends became anxious for her health, the one and only remedy was found in the Little Diamond Liver Pills, and Marie's health was restored. Prepared by the Little Diamond Liver Pill Co., 68, Stanmore Road, West Green, London, N. Price 1s. 1½d., per box of forty.—[Advt.]

OUR WAR COLUMN.

BULLER RETIRES.

WHAT IS THE NEXT MOVE?

THERE is no fresh news from Natal this morning, and, in the pause, people are wondering what will be the next move. The initiative is now again with the Boers, and the question is—what they will do next? They will either act against Ladysmith or against Sir Redvers Buller. In the latter case a pursuit would be of no use, for when the British force was once across the river again it would be impracticable; a small rear guard could prevent it. Much more probable would be an attack on Chieveley before the return of the main body. Either that or a fresh assault on Ladysmith may be reported within a day or two.

GENERAL LYTTELTON.

LYTTELTON'S FORCE ENGAGED.

The British troops made a most successful movement. They deployed to General Warren's right flank, and reinforced those in possession of Tabahyama. They were subjected to heavy shell fire, but stood their ground nobly. Part of General Lyttelton's Brigade extended on the plain in front of Mount Alice had within two hours scaled the height of Spion Kop under heavy fire. One of the riflemen reached the summit before his comrades, and proudly stood erect on the top.

BOMBARDING KIMBERLEY.

KIMBERLEY, January 26 (by heliograph, via Modder River).—The bombardment continues, though yesterday its severity was considerably reduced.

Firing was maintained through the previous night, being directed not against the fortifications, but against the inhabited portions of the town. A hundred and forty-five shells were fired between midnight and 4 p.m. The shells are believed to be of Transvaal manufacture, not bursting widely.

It was quiet last night. To-day there has been slight shelling, answered towards Kampersdam by the De Beers gun.

GENERAL SIR F. CARRINGTON.

CREEPING UP ON METHUEN.

A sniping party of Boers endeavoured, at nine o'clock last night, to creep up to the bank of the Riet River, on our extreme right. They were, however, detected by a picket of the Scots Guards, and driven back after fifteen minutes of sharp firing.

REPORTED BOER DISASTER.

Central News Durban wire says a refugee states Boers have suffered irreparable loss by destruction of their shell factory at Johannesburg.

JOINING HANDS WITH GATACRE.

KELLY-KENNY, COMMANDING SIXTH DIVISION, OCCUPIES THEBUS.

STERKSTROOM, January 26.—A column under General Kelly-Kenny, commanding the Sixth Division, has occupied Thebus on the railway between Steynsburg and Rosmead Junction. It is hoped that General Gatacre and he will soon join forces.

PROFESSOR NED DONNELLY.

The Royal Boxing Professor, and Author of "Self-Defence: the Art of Boxing."

(With Portrait.)

PROFESSOR NED DONNELLY is one of the most prominent professors of the noble art in London. He had the honour of sparring before His Imperial Majesty the Shah of Persia, and their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace on June 10, 1873. Prof. Donnelly is the author of "Self-Defence: the Art of Boxing," copies of which may be obtained at THE MIRROR OF LIFE office for one shilling, postage paid. The fact of his having taught twenty-four winners of the Queensberry Cups, three of the West London Boxing Club, two of the London Athletic Club, one of the Amateur Championship, one of the Mincing Lane Boxing Club, and one of the Officers' Competition, Aldershot, 1894, testifies to his capability.

CECIL RHODES,

Safe in the Underground Room in Kimberley Mine, Defies Shot and Shell.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A PRIVATE letter from Kimberley states that Cecil Rhodes, Rochfort Maguire, and the Hon. Mrs. Maguire are all living in luxuriously appointed underground chambers in the Kimberley diamond mine secure from shot and shell. Their rooms are boarded all over, hung with carpets, lit by electricity, and heated by hot air. The writer states that Rhodes would never surrender alive, though friends of the Colossus consider him of far too practical a turn to sacrifice his life for sentiment.

A SOFT YOUTH,

But They Starved Him Out.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A YOUTH who was of very weak intellect, and whose acts had alarmed many of the children in the neighbourhood. The friends consulted together, and decided to remove him to a safe and convenient home where he would be in safe keeping, but their evident intentions were frustrated. The youth, armed with a pair of old pistols, secreted himself in the hayloft, and defied his would-be captors to remove him. It was only when compelled by hunger that he would quit his retreat, and is now safely under lock and key.

PROFESSOR TED HEATON.

The World's Greatest Diver and Trick Swimmer.

(With Portrait.)

PROFESSOR TED HEATON is the originator of the tank dive, a 50 ft. dive in 42 in. of water, when enveloped in flames. The feat is most sensational and thrilling. He has just concluded a most successful engagement at the Cirque Rancy, Lyons, in France, playing in the panto, in which he goes through his daring dive.

OUR LETTER BOX.

LETTERS are lying at our office for Samuel E. Craig (two), J. F. White, Esq. (three), Matt Precious (four), J. Fitzgibbons, (two) Robert Fitzsimmons (three), Frank Craig (the "Coffee Cooler"), Robert S. Cropp, Prof. B. Scannell (the French Count), James Achew, Fred Morrell, Esq., Ben Harris (M.C.), G. T. Smirk, Pat Condon, Chad Heald, P. J King, Esq., George Slark, Charles Mitchell (champion boxer), Mr. George Matthews, J. Eden, Esq. (two), Mr. H. Chance Newton, P. Gorman, Jim Holloway (of South Africa), Mr. Matthew Wellington Wood, J. Corbett, C. McCoy, Billy Plimmer, Mace Williams, Mr. George Fox Giles, Claude Thompson, Ted Wakeham, Ernie Greaves, "Driver" Pinchen, Mr. H. J. Carrington, Dick Jordan, Mr. Frank Leon, Miss Vulcana, Jem Hall, Bobby Dobbs, Dick Burge, Jack Lewis, J. Fairclough, Bert Smith, and Jem Barry (important).

MIKE RIELLY.

A Little Scotch Boxer who First Saw the Light in Glasgow, June 6, 1879.

(With Portrait.)

HE began his boxing in 1895. He made himself prominent by defeating the following:—He encountered Neil Falconer, of Glasgow, in a six rounds contest; was stopped in the third round, no decision being given. Beat J. Ferguson, 3rds; beat J. Quinn, 1rd; beat J. Hamilton in the final in 1½rds; two weeks later he won the 7st 10lb championship of Scotland, beating Hugh Craig in 3rds; entered 7st 6lb championship of England, which took place at Sheffield, when he fought Bob Bailey 8rds, and had to fight extra round, decision going to Bailey; fought 10rds draw against Jem McVey, Belfast, giving 2st; defeated Bob Gallocher, of Greenock, in 3rds in 8st 6lb competition; defeated Walter Jones, of Greenock, in 2rds; defeated J. Hamilton, of Greenock, in 3rds; final knocked out Neil Falconer in 1½rds; next beat Billy Dunn, of Sheffield, at Doncaster, in 4rds; defeated Mike Crampton, of Doncaster, in 1rd; again beat Bob Gallocher, of Greenock, in six rounds contest, his seconds throwing up the sponge in third round; boxed a three rounds trial against Dave Job at N.S.C.; then met and defeated Charlie Exall, of Bermondsey, at N.S.C. in 20rds; beat Ernest Brady, of Newcastle, in 6rds; defeated by Charlie Exall at Newcastle in 19rds. Beaten by Matt Precious in nine rounds at the N.S.C., January 29.

THREE SCHOOL GIRLS NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH.

A Short Cut Over a Railway Bridge.

(Subject of Illustration.)

IN Canada there are many railway bridges that run over small streams of water only room for the trains to pass over, so that there is great danger when tramps, or anyone making a short cut over them, meet an advancing train; such was the fate of three sisters, who to save themselves from instant death had to lower themselves below the rails over the water. Fortunately they were seen and rescued by workmen, who watched their dangerous adventure.

THE FREE STATER WHO TRIED TO DESERT.

Many are Seeking a Chance to Escape to Their Homes.

(Subject of Illustration.)

THE Free Staters, it is said, are getting tired of the war and the British troops so close to their border. They also rebel against their commander taking them out of the Orange Free States to meet the enemy, preferring rather to await the attack on their own ground. One burgher, who had thrown away his gun and ammunition, tried to desert, but was quickly brought back by horsemen who started in pursuit. Only under the fear of death have many been made to stay and oppose the troops, which are surely closing round them.

SHE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO GO ON THE STAGE.

Her Husband Carrying Her off in Triumph.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A GENTLEMAN whose wife had caught the stage fever made short work of the difficulty. Having remonstrated with her without avail, on learning that she had gone to rehearsal, quickly called a cab and directed the Jehu to drive him to the theatre. Without asking any questions he made his way straight to the stage, and seizing his wife in her theatrical costume carried her away by force, to the indignant surprise of the other ladies, who were reclining or seated around the throne of their dramatic queen.

VISITORS TO "THE MIRROR OF LIFE" OFFICE.

AMONG the prominent people who have visited us this week are:—Tommy Hogan (America, matched with Bill Chester), Sam Fitzpatrick (manager of Tommy Hogan), "Australian" Jemmy Ryan, Billy Gordon, Jack Lewis, Mr. Hulls, jun., S. Phillips, Mr. Harvey, James Concannon (ex-amateur champion runner), John Patil, Charles Fengler, Jack Lewis, P. Hermenn, C. Abbott, Ben Jordan, G. Bondier, A. Littlefield, George Dunny, G. Smith, Arthur Rusconi, Charley James, Bill Spears, Charley Ryder (Hoxton), Mr. George Coxhead (late with the Slavin Brothers), Jem Barry (St. James's), William Klein (weight lifter), W. Williams (wrestler), Fred Homewood, Mike Reilly (champion Scottish bantam), Johnny Boyle (champion boxer, Scotland), John McShane (winner boxing championship), Mr. Arthur, Mr. Charles Donaldson (champion wrestler), Mr. Gunn, Harry Noble, Mr. Le Neve (strong man), "Greek George" (Dr. John Hatzopulos), James Barden (Fulham Cross Athletic Grounds), Mr. W. Wilson (Glasgow), Fred Norfield, G. Dunn, Bill Chester, Alf Chester, and Jabez White.

MISS BESSIE LEE (the coloured Patti) has been earning golden opinions at the Gaiety, Birmingham.

"DRINK" will shortly be revived at the Princess's with Charles Warner in his original character as Coupeau.

THE PANTOMIME at the Royal, entitled "Babes in the Wood," played by children, continues to attract large crowds of youngsters and their parents.

THE ALHAMBRA programme is always well up to date, and this week ushers in several additional items—namely, the introducing into the military display, an Indian contingent, the Imperial Yeomanry, and the Gordon Highlanders, in full review order. The variety portion of the programme has been additionally strengthened by the engagement of Hurgini, the clever juggler; Miss Amelia Stone, the American soubrette who scored so last year, and some smart continental dancers known as the Starlight Trio.

THE MOBILE Comedy Quintette have made a big hit in the pantomime at the Theatre Royal, Leeds; the two coon songs introduced by them entitled "Why don't you get a lady of your own?" and "Rag time kickle kackle," earning two and three curtains nightly.

ALEC HURLEY and his crowd of costers and donahs are a capital turn in the programme at the London (Shoreditch). There is a touch of realism in the little bit of business between Alec and the policeman, and the wife's timely interference, saving him from being marched off. Leo Stormont creates tremendous enthusiasm with the stirring poem "Wait a Week or Two." There is a fine array of talent at the London.

JOE ELVIN is scoring with his latest sketch "To-night's the Night," at the Tivoli. Joe, in the part of Wuggs, has been appointed manager in a waxwork show, and by mistake presents himself at a house where a fancy dress ball is in progress, and is informed that he is among the waxworks, who come to life once in five years and "to-night's the night," hence the fun.

THE CANTERBURY management entertained a good number of the Imperial Yeomanry shortly proceeding to the front yesterday (Tuesday). A colossal programme may be sampled at this hall, besides two capital sketches contributed by John Lawson and company, "Humanity," and the Boisset troupe in their funny "evening party sketch." The variety portion of the programme embraces such well-known and tried favourites as Chirgwin (always in splendid form here), Bransby Williams, Miss Daisy James, Miss Vesta Tilley, and many others.

THERE IS A WHOLESALE wrecking business in the sketch entitled "The Vultures," at the Queen's, Poplar, wherein a public-house scene with magnificently-fitted bar is, during a most sensational struggle between the vultures and detectives, completely demolished. The variety portion of the programme is extremely varied and entertaining, and numbers Dennis McCarthy, whose song, "Under the Same Old Flag," awakens much enthusiasm, Sisters Caselli, Tony and Tiny, T. C. Callaghan, and others, who help out a warmly-appreciated show.

MR. G. SMITH-WILKES, who so ably manages the Cambridge, has a programme on tap that is drawing full houses. James Fawn is very happily fitted with songs. Miss Jessie Lindsay, described as an "American wing dancer," thrives well. Mark Melford and Co.'s funny sketch, "Between the Turns," with its comical situations, is received with marked favour, and is played to a long roar of laughter and applause. Gus Elen is a tremendous favourite, and his song anent the war is cleverly handled, and contains many sly hits. Miss Lily Langtry keeps things humming during her tenancy of the stage; there is not a dull moment during this clever little lady's turn. Gus Harris has a tendency to overdo a song already rather far-fetched, and Miss Lily Burnand, Harry Bawn, and many others help the fun along.

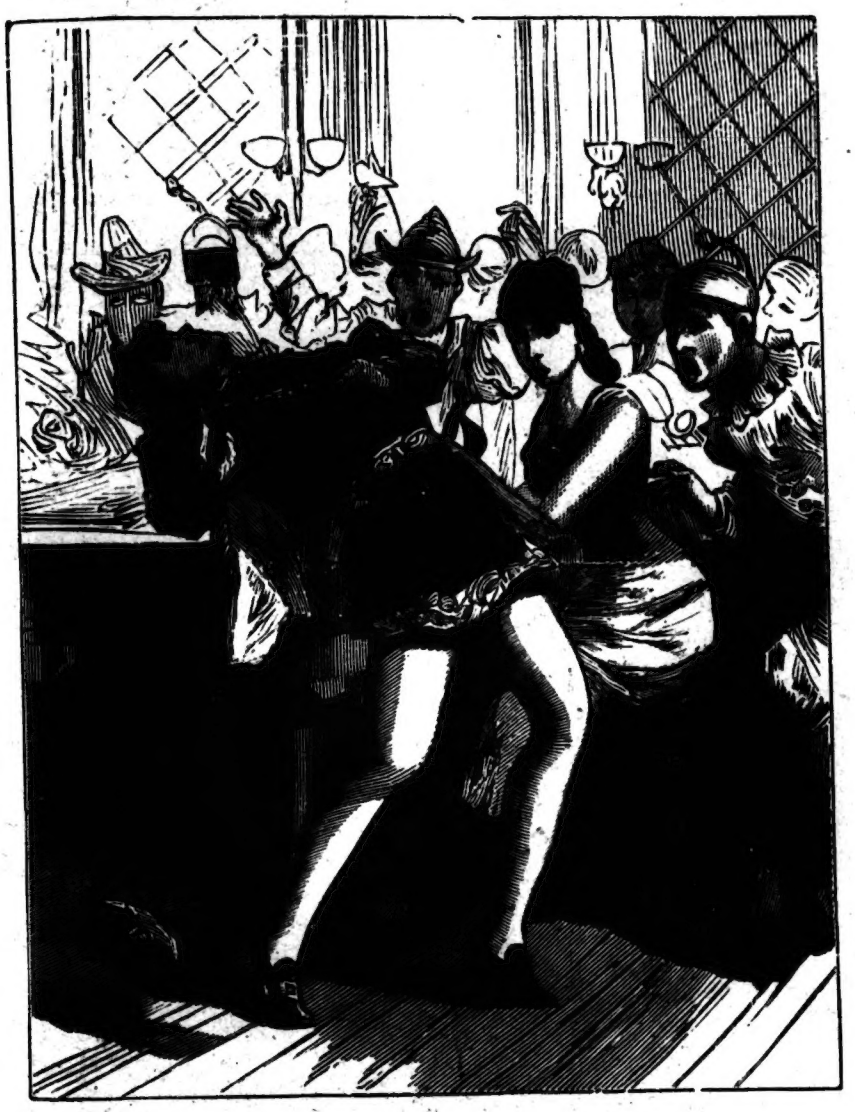
DAVE.

OUR AMERICAN LETTER.—Owing to the American mail not arriving prior to our going to press, our American letter is unavoidably left out this week.

PROFESSOR TED HEATON,
The World's Greatest Diver and Trick Swimmer.

MIKE RIELLY,
A Little Scotch Boxer, who First Saw the Light in Glasgow, June 6, 1879.

HUNTING THE ANTELOPE IN SOUTH AMERICA.
Panthers Used in the Chase to Catch the Speedy Deer.



FELL DEAD AT A FANCY DRESS BALL.
Strange Fatality at a Smart Gathering.

WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM,
Who has Taken Honours in the Magic Circle.

A MAN ATTACKED BY SQUIRRELS.
The Little Nut Gatherers go for him Tooth and Nail.

MISS MARIE FLORENCE ROTHWELL,
The Charming Eccentric and Fantastic Dancer.

SPORTSMEN TO THE FRONT.—Sport will languish for some time owing to the number of our athletes who have proceeded to the front, either in a combatory or medical capacity. They are Dr. P. R. Lowe, brother to W. W. Lowe, and famous on the path both for C.U.A.C. and Guy's Hospital; Dr. Simpson, another Cambridge and United Hospitals' competitor; Dr. A. W. J. McFadden, the Edinburgh University Rugby half-back; and Dr. Reginald Williams, the famous high jumper and hurdle racer, who represented the L.A.C. against the New York A.C., and has on behalf of the Surbiton and Northampton F.C.'s rendered able service at Rugby football. J. J. Ferris, the Australian cricketer, who also played for Gloucestershire for two or three seasons, is in Natal with General Buller's force. He is a trooper in Colonel Byng's South African Light Horse. Lieut.-Colonel F. C. Meyrick, who has been appointed to command the Imperial Yeomanry regiment, is the old Cambridge University oarsman who stroked the Light Blue crew against Oxford in 1883. W. J. Fernie, the old Cambridge stroke, and a prominent member of the Thames Rowing Club, is going to South Africa. Another well-known rowing man who has volunteered is R. Carr, of Oxford and Leander fame. Private Walsh, the ex-Manchester and Salford Harrier and five miles South of Ireland champion, has received instructions to join the 2nd Battalion of the Manchester Regiment at Aldershot on January 28. Walsh trained E. Bacon at Northwich for his match with Harry Watkins at Rochdale last April. H. G. Peachey, the hon. secretary of the Esher Cricket Club, is among the members of the Stock Exchange going to Africa with the Imperial Yeomanry. H. J. Taylor, the old Cardiff forward, and the well-known Welsh referee. E. Gavin (London Scottish) is one of the eight S.L.H. men who will be at the front. D. W. Pollock, of the same club, has already gone. Civil Service sportsmen who are going out include G. E. Pitcairn (a North Surrey Golf Club medallist, and good Rugby footballer) and Private G. Crampton, a fine boxer, and frequent competitor in important events. H. P. Russell, of the Blackheath Harriers, is another member of that club who has just gone to the front. George Hoare (H.A.C.), the Heathens' captain, will soon be leaving for South Africa. G. H. McVine, a promising member of the Vesta Rowing Club, and T. Calver (a lance-sergeant in the 17th Middlesex Volunteers), who was second last year in the Railway Clearing House Cycling Championship, and won the North-West London five miles and one mile races at Paddington, on October 28, 1898, will soon be on their way. R. Robinson, of the Toronto Rowing Club, attached to the Mounted Rifles, was bow in the Toronto Club's crew that won the Intermediate Championship on July 1 last. He also reached the semi-finals for the past two years in the light-weight class at the boxing championships. The Otter Swimming Club supplies no fewer than eighteen men for the front. Of these Captain Lowther, Lieutenant Shearman, Lieutenant W. Allason, Lieutenant J. R. Middleton, C. F. Nesham, C. E. R. Betterley, A. J. McCulloch, J. Humphreys, C. L. Roberts, and L. R. Postlethwaite have already gone. Another contingent which left on Saturday consists of Lieutenant J. F. Duncan, S. T. Pugh, J. H. Kipling, R. Palmer, A. H. Vigor, W. F. Palles, W. Dixon, C. W. Kerr. Among them are several swimmers of fame. Among the Volunteers of the Border Regiment is Private T. Taylor, who is a famous athlete in the Lake district. Dr. (and Lieutenant) B. C. Green, of the London Scottish R.V., L.A.C., and United Hospitals, in addition to being physically a perfect model of a man, was one of the finest all-round athletes Scotland has ever produced. Three members of the Thames Ditton Rowing Club—A. J. Barnard, F. A. Decks, and H. B. Careless—have been accepted for service at the front with the Imperial Yeomanry. A. Marin (21st Middlesex), a prominent member of the Crouch Hill Cycling Club, was among those Volunteers who left on Saturday last to assist in "wiping something off the slate." The following officials of the H. A. C. football sections sailed for South Africa recently: E. C. R. Betteley, G. E. A. Seccombe, Lieutenant E. Treffry, R. G. Shorter, A. H. Moeller, and A. S. Joseph. These were followed by H. H. Storer, Lieutenant H. Bayley, Captain and Adjutant C. E. Budworth, and Lieutenant J. F. Duncan, who left England last week. F. G. Burnell, the registration secretary of the Kingston and District Association Football League, has left with the Lord Mayor's Own for South Africa. The Kingston-on-Thames Rugby Football Club will be represented at the front by nine members: Messrs. Rayner, Lee, S. Burton, Colley, Tarrant, French, Davis, Green, and Martin.

SPECULATIVE SOLICITORS. — It cannot be too generally known that there are a class of speculative solicitors who read the papers for libels and injuries, interview the parties concerned, and put their clients into the position of the monkey and the chestnuts. The following case should be taken seriously to heart by this class: Mr. Justice Darling on taking his seat on Thursday morning called before him a London solicitor named Costerton, who had represented a man whose daughter claimed damages for injuries from a cab proprietor. His lordship said the case was a speculative one of the worst kind. It was a disgrace to the solicitor who brought it. He should make the unusual order that the solicitor should pay the costs of the defendant.

WHAT SOME CYCLING CHAMPIONS are doing.—Nat Butler is a barber at Boston, his brother Tom keeping a saloon in the same town. Harry Wheeler, known previously as the cash prize king, is now a traveller for a well-known oil firm. Charles Murphy, of a mile a minute fame, is a policeman, Johnny Johnson is a barman at Minneapolis, M'Donald is a booking clerk, whilst Weinig is now a pugilist.

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND Amateur Wrestling Society.—On Saturday last the programme of this society's championships was brought to a successful close. Four ties for second place in the wrestling handicap resulted as follows:—A. Griffiths took "Jolly Jumbo's" handsome writing desk, and George Jackson came third, and carried off a case of silver salts and spoons, presented by Professor Atkinson. The members' races, also left over from the previous Saturday, were as follows:—Hurdle race, five started, won by F. Gruhn. Sack race, four started, won by J. Baddeley. Flat race, four lengths of the hall, six started, won by F. Gruhn; and close up came A. Griffiths, who took second prize. The wrestling champions who take the society diplomas for 1900 are: J. Baddeley, all weights; E. J. Baddeley, 11st or middleweights; P. W. Longhurst, the lightweights; and Alfred Schaum, Lynn Athletic Club, the 9st catch-as-catch-can, in the German gymnastic style. A general meeting to square accounts will be held at the Prince Teck, Earl's Court, on Saturday, February 10, at 8 p.m.

MR. JOE WILLIAMS, of Glasgow, the well-known penciller, in a neat little volume, gives backers a chance to quickly reckon their winnings. Any sum invested, from a shilling to a "quid," is found in this "Popular Ready Reckoner"—in fact, your business transactions with him can be ascertained without personal inquiry provided you have winnings at a glance at your elbow.

WHIPPET SHOW.—Herbert Campbell sings a song "There'll be no Show To-night," and our "Caustic" thought so. The whole day was damp and dreary. What with an attack of the now prevailing influenza, Harry looked from the window, saw the rain and slush, and then turned to the fire, and thought, who would bring a dog out to-night? Well, "Caustic" would not. However, duty is first. The Henry the VIII. was filled by owners of the whippets and bull terriers, and though they themselves faced the elements, they had some consideration by leaving the dogs at home. The popular Bill Higgins, of the Scotch Stores, who put up the prize, turned up. Rain, snow, or thunder don't stop Bill. He must be on the job. What he says, that he will do. There was so small a number of tykes on hand—although each was equipped in the customary coat, they all presented the same appearance—to wit, covered in mud—it was decided to postpone the event for a fortnight. Everyone was very nice (Steve's whisky especially). Arthur James and Jack Hammond were all there. After this we struggled through the beautiful slush of London. Home at last, and very damp!

MR. JACK BIRD entertained on Friday 68 children for their fourth weekly reunion. Jack Bird wishes to thank the following ladies and gentlemen for their kind assistance as regards helping to make the affair a success. It will last another two weeks. Mrs. Charles Sack, Miss Frances Flynn, Mrs. Bumstead, Mrs. Austin Mrs. Harris, Miss Harris, Miss Belcher, Susan Weller (in sketch), Miss Bumstead, Mrs. Dott, Mrs. Mack; and any donations or presents will be duly acknowledged.

HARRY CARRINGTON ("Caustic") has again undertaken the secretaryship of the United Brothers' Club, Plough Street, Commercial Road, E., and will be pleased to see all friends of kindred clubs and sporting, dramatic, and musical friends any Sunday morning from eleven to three. Any communication can be addressed there or to the offices of THE MIRROR OF LIFE on sport.

JACK HAMMOND'S Hotel, The Fox, Southwark Bridge Road, was the scene of a billiard entertainment upon the evening of the 25th. The handsome saloon was crowded to excess, and the supporters of all kinds of sport were in evidence. The first item on the board was a match between Frank Collins and Bert Owen, son of "Oxford Jonathan." The game was 500 up, Owen with 125 start. There was nothing sensational in the play. Collins's principal contributions were:—31, 24, 25, 17, 14. Owen, 27, 25, 21. Collins won by 18. This was followed by a novel game between Frank Collins, the champion one-hand player, and T. Dawson (two hands) 250 up all in. After the usual miss Collins settled down to his work, and it was simply marvellous how, under the circumstances, he kept the balls in play; his best breaks were 28, 25, 22. We are sorry to say that Trew Dawson is a somewhat careless player, but if he will only go ahead there may be a future for him. We don't for one moment suggest that he was not trying, but that he was careless. He will get over this perhaps, and then someone will know it. His chief contributions were 22, 19, 17, 14. Collins won by a small margin of points. It was a most enjoyable evening, and host Jack is to be complimented upon the success.

BAGATELLE.—Steve Morgan, the Henry the VIII., Union Street, Borough, will match his potman against any other licensed victualler' potman in the South of London to play bagatelle (nominated) for a trophy value £5. An immediate answer through THE MIRROR OF LIFE will ensure a match.

TOM ROBINSON, the host of the Weavers' Arms, Drysdale Street, Hoxton, and a friend will play Mr. A. Dunn and friend, of the Digby Arms, Digby Street, Old Ford, a home and home match for a spread for twenty-four.

COLONEL DE VILLEBOIS MAREUIL,

Having Left the French Army, he is now said to be the Military Adviser of the Boers.

(With Portrait.)

COLONEL DE VILLEBOIS MAREUIL, who is acting as chief of the staff in General Joubert's force, began his military career in 1868. He fought as a Lieutenant of Marine Infantry in the Far East, and as a captain of rifles in the army of the Loire, being decorated on the battlefield. He has been attached to the General Staff of the War Office, and has commanded three regiments. He resigned his commission in 1898, after thirty years' service. Colonel de Villebois Mareuil is fifty-two years of age.

THE BOERS SHOOT THE BASUTOS AND LIFT THEIR CATTLE.

Some Atrocities Committed by the Transvaalers.

(Subject of Illustration.)

IT is reported that the Boers on the border of Basutoland have been raiding cattle belonging to the natives, and in some cases in the effort to save their property the coloured people have been shot. Tied or hung by the heels to trees is part of the sport the Boers are said to indulge in with the wretched natives who dispute their authority.

ALF COHEN, OF KINGSLAND.

A Youthful Amateur Boxer and Ex-Light-Weight Jockey well known in Kingsland.

(With Portrait.)

THE subject of our notice is a pupil of a well-known professional whose ability as a second stands prominent, and his prowess as a boxer is undisputed. Young Cohen was originally intended for a jockey, and served some time in Sherwood's and A. F. Webb's stables, but we suppose love of home or increasing weight caused the youngster to relinquish the profession Alf Cohen is one of a numerous family of Cohens, and the son of the late proprietor of the Pindar of Wakefield.

HE CLEARED THE WAITING ROOM.

Sleeping Hop Pickers Aroused and "Chucked."

(Subject of Illustration.)

AT hopping time the Kentish farmer finds the stranger within his gate, and these gentry will occupy any sleeping quarters that may be available. The waiting-rooms at railway stations are pitched upon as favourite places to make dormitories of. This did not appear so in the eyes of one of the stationmasters who, coming late upon the scene, ordered the weary ones away and enforced the order with his dukes, to the great disgust of the wayside gentry.

BOXING FOR BOYS. — We have again to notify that, in consequence of pressure of other matter, "Boxing for Boys" is left over this week.

MOLTENO, CAPE COLONY.

It was Here that Gatacre Fought the Boers.

(Subject of Illustration.)

AT nine o'clock in the morning Captain de Montmorency, with twenty scouts, left Molteno in the direction of Stormberg to reconnoitre, with a view to obtaining trustworthy information of the enemy's dispositions. At noon firing was heard, and Major Heylen ordered out sixty Police, who hastily galloped to the scene and joined Captain de Montmorency three miles north of the town. Shots were soon rapidly exchanged with the enemy at a range of 1,500 yards. Our men occupied a kopje, and the Boers avoided crossing our flank. At five in the afternoon the force returned to Molteno. An armoured train meanwhile arrived on the scene of action, having heard that Captain de Montmorency was surrounded, but its services were not required.

WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM.

Who Has Taken Honours in the Magic Circle.

(With Portrait.)

W. CUNNINGHAM started boxing by winning an open competition at Paisley five years ago; since then won Lieutenant Arnott's cup, Govan; runner-up in 9st 8lb championship, Govan; won Jem Mace and Frank Stavius's gold medal, 10st, at the Olympia, Glasgow; knocked out A. Scoutar in ten rounds at the Wellington Palace, Glasgow, for £20, and did the same trick again at the same place in three rounds for £30; knocked out Jem Rock, of Govan, three rounds; has done some good wrestling, is a blacksmith by trade, and I may say he has done all his training round the "anvil" and in the club after working hours. He is always ready for a "go" at anything about 9st for money.

A MAN ATTACKED BY SQUIRRELS.

The Little Nut-gatherers go for Him Teeth and Nail.

(Subject of Illustration.)

THE pretty little red fellow with his white breast and bushy tail is always admired in captivity, but free in his native woods his speed soon carries him up and away from the hunter or any danger along the ground. Up and down the straight trunks of trees the squirrel easily makes his way. A man named J. Marks found himself in a tight place when he ascended a tree where Mr. Squirrel had made a snug retreat. Making a peculiar noise, the little animal was enabled to call several others, and these attacked the man in every direction, biting his hands, face, and legs. Eventually, to get out of danger, he descended and beat a hasty retreat.

HUNTING THE ANTELOPE IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Panthers used in the Chase to Catch the Speedy Deer.

(Subject of Illustration.)

IN South America lovers of the chase have recourse to the fleetness of cougars to enable them to catch the antelope and other game, who otherwise, over a difficult country, would never be approached. The wild jaguar is a kind of panther, which is taken to the rendezvous and uncarted. It will then approach its prey, crawling carefully through the long grass, and with deadly spring launch itself upon the neck and shoulders of the unsuspecting deer, which is quickly in the hands of the hunters who follow the animal up.

FELL DEAD AT A FANCY DRESS BALL.

Strange Fatality at a Smart Gathering.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A FATALITY occurred at a fancy dress ball in Dresden which has cast a gloom over several families that are well known in this pleasant city. A young fellow named Carl Dietrich while singing a ballad well known to the German students, suddenly fell back and expired. All efforts to restore animation failed, and to the grief and consternation of his friends and acquaintances who witnessed the calamity, he was carried away from the scene of festivity dead.

YOUNG "TIPPLER" GREY.

A Little Bantam Well Known in Sheffield.

(With Portrait.)

YOUNG 'TIPPLER" GREY is seventeen years old, 5ft high, and weighs 6st 10lb. Beaten by Johnson, 4rds; Con Cannon, 3rds; beat Con Cannon six times, 4rds, 4rds, 5rds, 8rds, 15rds, 20rds; beat Burke, 7rds; again in 6rds; beat Myers, 6rds; beat White, 5rds; beat Butler, 10rds; beat Kelly, 12rds; beat Riley, 5rds; beat Callaghan, 2rds; beat Young Irons, 12rds; defeated Sam Grimbley, 12rds, at the City Boxing Club, Sheffield, on October 28.

EVENTS TO COME.

THE following contests will take place during January and February:—

JAN. 31.—At the New Goodwin Club, 5A. Kingsland Road, N.E., Albert Hollings v. Ted Goodson, ten rounds.

JAN. 31.—At the Drill Hall, Wood Lane, Shepherd's Bush Green, Kensington B.C. Competitions.

FEB. 1.—Bobby Habbijam's boxing entertainment at the West End School of Arms, Newman Street, W.

FEB. 3.—Open competitions of the Columbia Boxing Club, at the East London Polytechnic, Baroness Road, Hackney Road.

FEB. 5.—Frank Gess v. Sam Parker.

FEB. 5.—At the National Sporting Club, Covent Garden, Jack Goldswain v. Bill Wood, fifteen rounds; Archie Phillips v. Bert Wood, fifteen rounds.

FEB. 8.—Mr. J. T. Hull's special night at the Drill Hall, Beresford Street, Woolwich.

FEB. 9.—Jack Scales v. Dick Burge, twenty rounds, at the New Palace Club, London.

FEB. 10.—Open competitions of the Columbia Boxing Club at the East London Polytechnic, Baroness Road, Hackney Road.

FEB. 12.—Open amateur boxing competitions of the London Irish Rifles School of Arms at the Northampton Institute, St. John's Street Road, London.

FEB. 12.—Open boxing competitions of the Lynn Athletic Club at Newington Public Baths, Manor Place, Walworth, S.E.

FEB. 12.—Harry Ware v. Billy Plimmer, twenty rounds; Alf Hazelgrove v. Thomas Loftus, fifteen rounds; at the Stalybridge Athletic Club, Stalybridge.

FEB. 12.—At the National Sporting Club, Covent Garden, Ted Beach v. Dave Job, fifteen rounds; six rounds contests, and other boxing.

FEB. 19.—At the National Sporting Club, Covent Garden, Joe Elms v. Ted Phillips, fifteen rounds; also Heavyweight Novices' Competition.

FEB. 26.—Grand Special Night, 15 rounds *International* Contest, Tommy Hogan, of America, v. Bill Chester, of London; Jewey Cooke v. Dave Barry, fifteen rounds.

BOXINGAT THE NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

MATT PRECIOUS WINS THE CONTEST.

LITTLEFIELD, EXALL, KENRICK, AND SHAW GAIN DECISIONS.

THE CHIEF ITEM on the programme was the match between Matt Precious, of Birmingham, and Mike Rielly, of Glasgow; but, like the other contest on the bill, it ended before the stipulated fifteen rounds had been reached. Rielly, going to his seat weak in the ninth round, failed to respond to the call of time in the tenth. Alf Littlefield and Jack Cartwright opened the ball, but two rounds sufficed, the referee stopping the contest in favour of Littlefield. C. Good (Portsmouth) and Arthur Abbott (Stratford) gave a good exhibition. Charley Exall beat Jem Guinn in the first round. H. Davis (Ealing) faced Pat Daly. The Irish-American had the best of the business. Another six rounds go between Jem Kenrick and George Dunny failed to last the limit, and the referee stopped the contest and awarded Kenrick the verdict. Jabez White and Albert Hyde, both Brums, had three rattling rounds, after which Mr. A. F. Bettinson introduced Tommy Hogan and Mike Ryan to the members. Tom Burrows cleverly manipulated the clubs; this is his last appearance previous to going south. "Cush" Dark and Bill Shaw were the next opponents, but Shaw meeting with an accident retired. After the usual interval the contest of the evening was heralded. Details:—

FIFTEEN ROUNDS CONTEST.

MATT PRECIOUS beat MIKE RIELLY
(Birmingham) (Glasgow).

Anthony Diamond, Bill Gee, and Harry James assisted in preparing the little Brum, while Mike Rielly had Walter Eyles, J. McShane and Harry Boyle in his corner. Matt Precious felt his way carefully and was short with the left. Rielly rushed but missed, but later sent the left on the ribs. Rielly nailed a couple on the dial and was cautioned for holding, Precious getting a couple home at the finish. Up for round two the pair led with rights and lefts to the dial. Rielly took the lead, landing on the ribs and neck, Precious went on one knee. Precious stuck close and had the best of the short-arm work. Early in the third round Precious shot in the right, but Rielly trickily made use of the ring. Precious was the aggressor and frequently sent his man to the ropes. The fourth time of asking Precious followed his man up, and getting home with both hands, showing good generalship against a tricky customer. Precious was first in the fifth round and seldom missed. They clinched several times. Plenty of foot work with Precious first every time in attack. Early in the sixth round they came to a clinch without a blow. In the break-away Precious landed on the dial. Rielly tricky on his feet, but Precious scored. Precious sent in the left, and Rielly looked in trouble, time coming in nicely to help him. Precious was well within himself as they started the seventh, and gave his man the worst of the deal in a neutral corner, and following up his advantage, had all the best of the exchanges; still Rielly went to his corner strong. Rielly shaped and led in the eighth, and Precious shot out the left, sending Rielly to the boards. A clinch, and again Rielly went on one knee, but he finished the round. The ninth round opened with Rielly making play, but Precious was too strong, and sent Rielly to the ropes, and landing three times without a return, Rielly dropped to his knees just as time was called. Rielly was too weak to respond to the call of time in the tenth round, so Precious walked across and shook hands with his opponent, who had to be assisted from the ring. The officials were Mr. J. B. Angle, referee; Mr. "Dick" Smith, timekeeper, and Mr. A. F. Bettinson, M.C. For the minor events Arthur Gutteridge and Pat Condon seconded.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to inform our readers of the death of poor little Mike Rielly, who expired on Tuesday morning at 8.45 a.m. from heart failure. An inquest will be held.

EXHIBITION AT JEM MACE'S Saloon.—The Worcestershire Yeomanry are quartered at the Great Brook Street Barracks, awaiting orders to proceed to the front, and it occurred to Jem Mace, as a happy idea, that a boxing exhibition for their edification would find appreciation. His anticipations were not far wrong, for on Monday night a good display of uniformed spectators were present at the old champion's saloon in Coleshill Street, to witness the entertainment. The audience was numerous and decidedly enthusiastic, for the military element crept in, and the people present rose to a man and lustily sang "The Soldiers of the Queen." The champion, in a concise but pithy way, expressed his gladness at seeing so many fine fellows present, who were willing to fight their country's cause, and he added a sincere hope that they would have that measure of good luck which they deserved, and would return safe and sound. Personally he would be glad to give them a hearty welcome back to Birmingham. The sparring was opened with a brisk set-to by the brothers Phalie, after which Charley Simpson and Bill Ball brought down the house for their spirited spar, in which the first named treated the spectators to an exhibition of his fighting powers. Harry Howell faced Alfred Pursehouse; the display was on the determined side, but cleverness always lay with Pursehouse. Maurice Greenfield and Harry Harvett went in for vigorous tactics, and delighted the house with their turn. During the evening, Charley Simpson announced his desire to make a match with anyone at 8st 4lb or 8st 6lb, Jem Williams preferred, while Jem Mace stated that £50 could always be found for Maurice Greenfield to make a match with anyone in the kingdom at 10st.

THE TEE-TO-TUM.—Ben Harris, with white shirt front resplendent with diamonds, a slang with gold hangings, and a pocket full of ooftish, paid us a visit last week and informed us he would again be pleased to place before his patrons on February 29 a mammoth programme at the above club. Four six rounds contests between the following: G. Cooper v. Ted Goodson, Tom King v. Jem Quinn, Bill Nolan v. Charley Tilley, Jack Hennessey v. Geo. Eastwick, while a couple of heavy-weights, Wally Rance and C. Bromhead, would try conclusions; Jack Cook v. Billy Hurst, also an 8st 6lb novices' competition, 5gs the winner and £1 1s. for runner up. Good order will be maintained, and Ben, as usual, will preside as M.C.

BOXING AT THE NEWMAN STREET SEMINARY.

THE LAST PLACE in the world for two big men to fight is the small ring at Bob Habbijam's. The name of David St. John is now prominently before the British public, and it was here that burly David (6ft 3in height) fought at that time the equally burly Johnny O'Brien. With big men there is no possible getting away from each other, so these Welshmen had to fight yardarm to yardarm. Pitmen in Wales, like David St. John and Johnny O'Brien, are always bringing off fights in the Welsh mountains. Fighting and dog racing are their favourite sports. Nearly every week a fight is brought off in the mountains near Swansea. The police knowing of these events but being afraid to venture, they wait for the return trip of the men, and apprehend on the off-chance those men who are facially disfigured.

It is as well that the men, or rather boys, who meet at Bob Habbijam's should be of a size in proportion to the ring, the recent performers, Jack Scales and Tom Lees, being what are denominated "outside sizes." On a recent Thursday the members of the Smallweed family contended. The first pair to make their bow were Bill Hutchinson, of Tottenham, and "Jumbo" Nicholls, of Tottenham. One small village like Tottenham cannot contain two champions, so "Jumbo" had to go under to his younger rival, Bill Hutchinson. Nicholls, who walks his chalks as a milkman, being knocked out in the fourth round of what should have been a six rounds contest. The, contest between Frank Exall and J. Webb was short and sweet. Webb, who hails from Bethnal Green, was no match for the Bermondsey boy, and two minutes sufficed to put paid to the account of Webb, who is much the lighter lad. Another contest, short and sweet, was that between Tom King (a Jew boy) and Dave Lock. This bout was brought to a conclusion in the first round. One of the stock performers at the Newman Street Academy (Harry Camis) was let loose upon another Jewish lad (Alf Barnard). This youth fights in the hurley-burley style, and Camis with the remark, "Oh, that's your game," went in to mix it with the Sheenie. Barnard had, as he invariably does, the best of the weights, and for a time it looked as if the Seven Dials lad would have to take the smaller end of the purse. Neither lad appeared to know that a straight punch gets home sooner than a round armed one. This struggle continued throughout the eight rounds, when Barnard thought he had won; but the verdict went to the homer, Camis.

When Dick Curtis, of New Cross, earned his living by the sweat of his brow as a member of the building persuasion, we thought Dick bad to beat; but since Dick has joined the Fleet Street Brigade defeat has been far more Dick's portion than a win. In a contest of six rounds with Tom Cooper, of Islington, Dick did not even make his usual show. Dick gave the spectators the idea of standing up for a six rounds contest rather as a task than with any idea of beating his man. Plodding through the six rounds, the referee decided that Cooper had won on points. Although one of the Brothers Exall was fortunate enough to score a win in a short space of time over little Jack Webb; in the second engagement the other not so fortunate. Frank Exall met Bill Ray, of St. James's, in a six rounds encounter, when Ray, who is a pupil of Jem Barry, of that district, managed to score. Exall went right through the six rounds manfully, but Bill Ray was always in front, and in the end received the verdict.

A FINISH FIGHT.—Ted Lee v. Bill Howard, for a Purse.—One of those impromptu matches between lads who have been some time on the shelf was made last week. The lads were minor boxers who had not previously signalised themselves, although some years since they were competitors for honours at their respective weights. The purse subscribed for was a tenner, and the number of spectators was limited to twelve a-side, the contest to be to a finish. The story of the match is soon told, victory going to the lad in the best condition, Ted Lee. The contest was pretty even up to fifth round, Howard putting in some rib-roasters. In the fifth round Lee managed to get home a heavy right-handed punch on the jaw, which seemed to take all the buckram out of Howard, who after this fought half-heartedly, and in the ninth round held out his hand in token of defeat.

BOXERS FOR THE FRONT.—Ernie Moore, who boxed Stanton, Mitchell, Ben Clarke, and others, asks us to inform his friends that he has joined the Imperial Volunteers, and sailed for South Africa last Saturday.

A BOXING AMATEUR TURNS PRO.—Mr. Jack Martin, the East-end photographer, will match the amateur Bob Russell, of Limehouse, to box Sailor Richardson, of Lambeth, Fred Delaney, of Woolwich, or Bill Fielder, of Walworth, at 8st, give or take 2lb, for £25 or £50 a-side and the best purse offered. Sailor Richardson preferred. Man and money ready, and the first to leave a deposit at THE MIRROR OF LIFE can be assured of a match.

A PRIVATE SHOW. EASTWARD HO!

AT A SNUG RESORT not a hundred miles from Shoreditch Church those well-respected boxers, Charley James (Kingsland) and Alf Colley (Haggerston), brought off their first private show last Wednesday evening. Well known in the profession, James has fought many stubborn battles, and the majority of them have been successful, while Alf Colley's record is too long to be told now. The place was literally packed, and late comers were obliged to be content with standing room, but they were amply repaid by witnessing a splendid entertainment. During the evening the officials were: Judges, Alf Colley and Harry Paul; referee, Dick Tiddiman, with Bill Pike as timekeeper, the wants of the boxers being seen to by George Harding, "Wag" Ward, Jack Webb, and Joe Marchant. The programme consisted of a special competition, a four rounds trial, and exhibition boxing as good as contests, as all tried. The first pair that graced the stage were Jack Webb, of Mile End, and Joe Marchant, of Bethnal Green, who gained a recall. Among those who exhibited the skill with the gloves many were well known to fame, having won battles at all the principal clubs, and among them were Joe Brown, of Hoxton, and Bill Lewis, of Shoreditch, who showed well in a spirited bout of the art of self-defence. Harry Paul, of Stepney, and Dick Tiddiman, of Hackney, both gained considerable applause showing how battles were won and lost, and it was undoubtedly the best bout of the evening. Fred Winslade, of Hoxton, and "Nipper" James, of Kingsland, rendered a good spar, James, a brother of the promoter, showing to advantage, and is sure to be heard of again. Then came the competition, six men competing for the honours. First bouts: Jack Costello (Bow) beat Bill Lewis (Shoreditch).—There was not much in it in the matter of weight, but the Bow representative was early seen to be a winner, as, after being receiver-general, Lewis retired in the second round. Bill Sadler (Hoxton) beat "Ginger" Tyer (St. Luke's).—Round 1. Sadler led and reached the dial, but was smartly countered on the body, and had a little the best of the round. Round 2. A fierce fight, first one and then the other being in the van, and after a spirited last round the award went to Sadler. Joe Warman (Bethnal Green) beat "Ginger" Casey (Mile End).—Casey started well, but after a stiff battle for two rounds, Casey gave in, leaving Warman the victor. Semi-final: Costello retired. Final bout: Bill Sadler beat Joe Warman.—Sadler scored, using the dexter hand to advantage and gained a long lead. At the second meeting Warman had slightly the best of it, and after both had fought themselves almost to a standstill in the last round the decision went to Sadler. Four rounds trial: Jem Donovan (Mile End) and Jack Hurley, of the same locality, took the boards for what was termed a trial. As they are old opponents the bout was friendly, and after a grand display it was rather level. The grand entertainment was wound up by the M.C., Fred Bracken, announcing that Alf Colley and Charlie James would box four rounds, and both went well in a rattling spar.

BURGE v. SCALES.—Jack Scales writes us to the effect that he is earnestly training at the Alhambra Hotel, Sandgate, Folkestone. Let Scales once get over the immensity of the task he has taken on of fighting the renowned Dick Burge, and consider he is meeting a boxer much below himself in weight, height, and strength, and a different aspect should be put on this match.

DEATH OF MRS. G. CROCKETT.—If George Crockett was not the best fighter of his day, he was the most useful man with the gloves, and with the mittens at Saville House could make a mess of the renowned Tom Sayers. George Crockett lost several pugilistic contests, but his greatest loss occurred last week, when Mrs. Crockett was *boxed* by the undertaker in her seventieth year, leaving poor old Crockett, who at the present time is crippled with gout in the feet, alone. Mrs. Crockett was the mother of several children all earning a respectable living. George once upon a time beat a fellow market porter called Hazletine, backed by the Jews. When Hazletine won the Sheenies called him Mozzletine. When Hazletine lost they called him Shemozzletine.

THE MIDDLE-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP of Australia.—A ten-round boxing contest for the middle-weight championship of Australia took place at Broken Hill on December 9. Tim Murphy, of New Zealand, and Jack Dunne, of Western Australia and Broken Hill, were the competitors. Murphy won in the ninth round.

BOXING AT EBBW VALE.—T. Scott will give a purse if Cranky and Jones will box ten rounds, Marquis of Queensberry rules. Rodway (Ebbw Vale) will box ten rounds with any man at 9st 6lb or 10st. Will the following men send their address to Felix Scott, boxing show, Victoria Road, Ebbw Vale: "Sye" Stokes, of Ferndale, and Ike Watson, of Crumlin?

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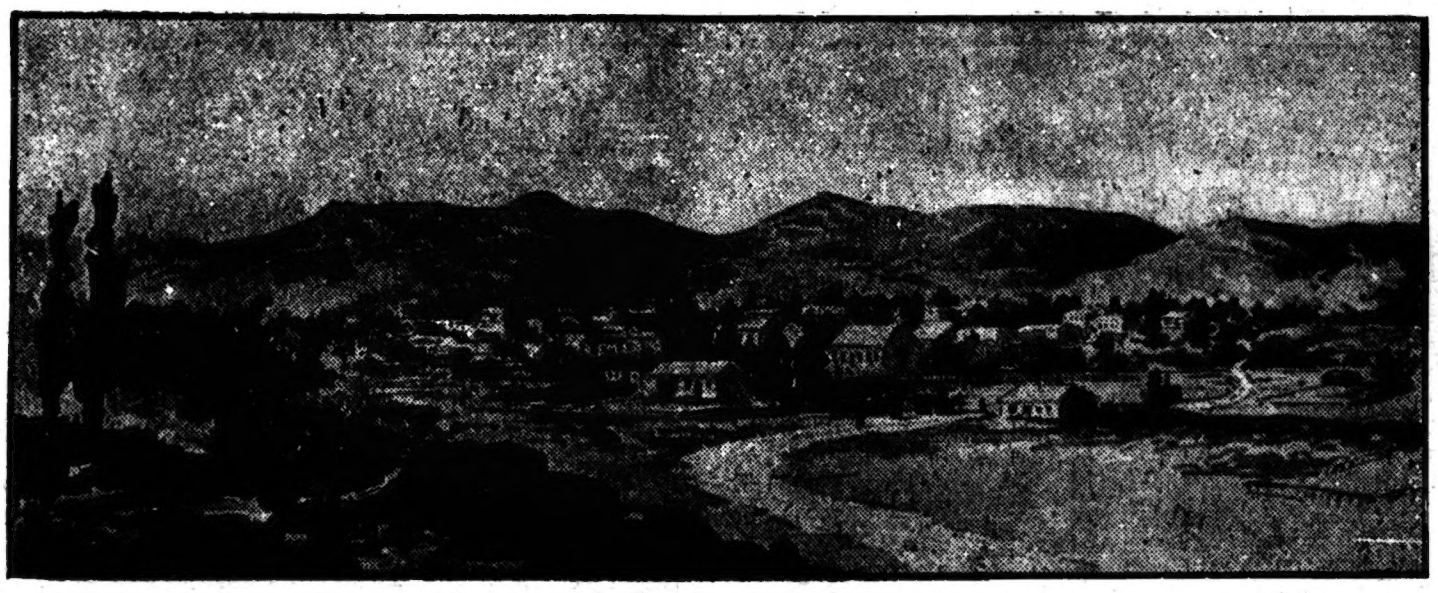
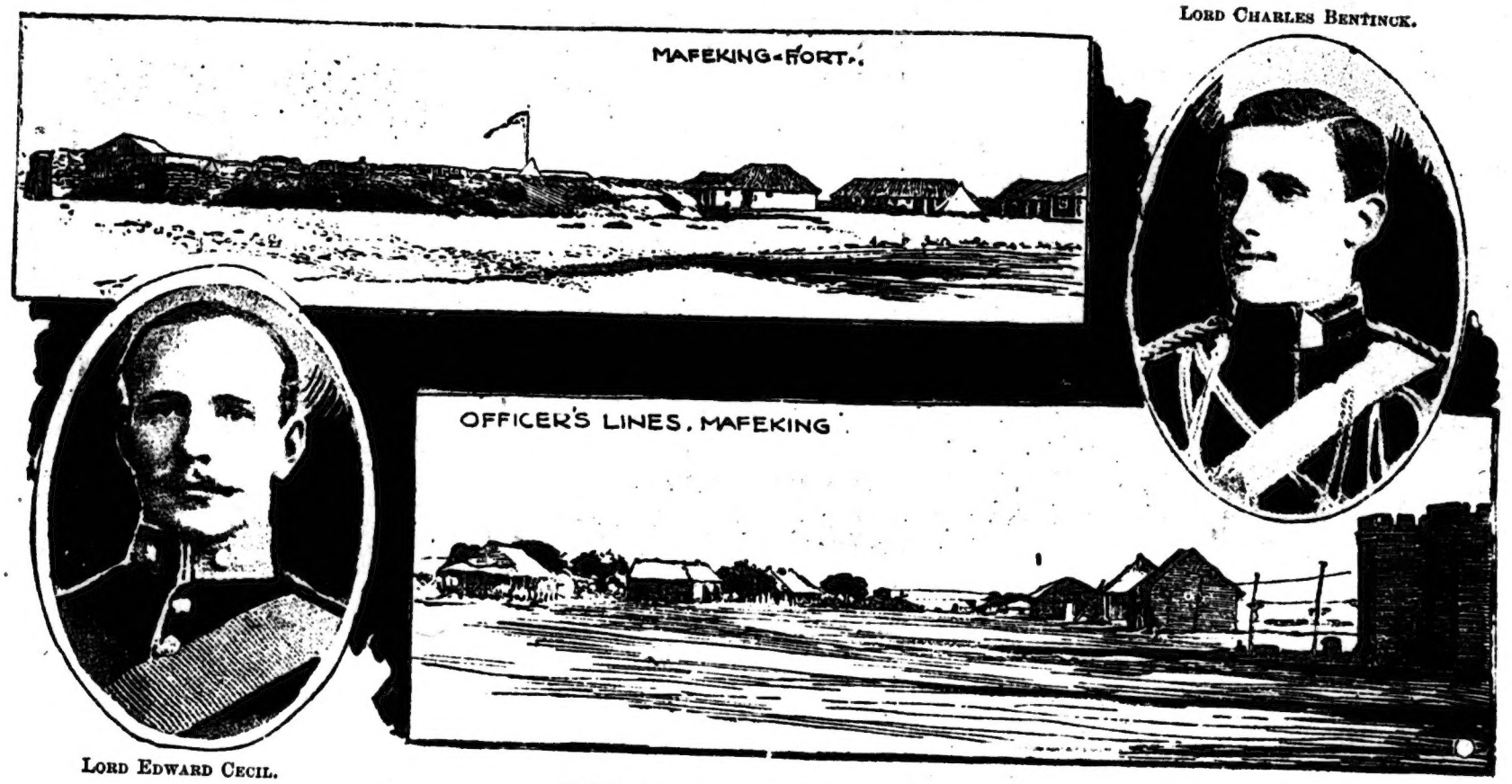


MOLTENO, CAPE COLONY.
It was Here that Gatacre Fought the Boers.

LORD METHUEN,
Who will Attempt to Relieve Kimberley.

SIDNEY PAGET,
Cowboy in Texas, Trainer, and Now Soldier in Africa.

Gen. Sir W. F. GATACRE,
Who is Leading Part of the British Forces to Relieve Kimberley.



TWO VIEWS OF MAFEKING,
Where Col. Baden-Powell is Stubbornly Resisting the Boers.

CECIL RHODES,
Safe in the Underground Room in Kimberley Mine, Defies Shot and Shell.

COLONEL DE VILLEBOIS MAREUIL,
Having Left the French Army, he is now said to be the Military Adviser of the Boers.

THE BOERS SHOOT THE BASUTOS AND LIFT THEIR CATTLE.
Some Atrocities Committed by the Transvaalers.

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OPEN BOXING COMPETITIONS AT THE GOLDSMITH INSTITUTE BOXING CLUB.

A BIG GATHERING OF TALENT, AND SPLENDID SPORT.

THAT YEAR BY YEAR the popularity of this leading amateur boxing club increases was evidenced by the liberal amount of support that was accorded by performers and spectators alike to the fifth annual display held last Thursday at the spacious New Cross Hall. As usual there were plenty of boxers, and an 8st 10lb, 10st, and 10st 8lb competition contributed to an excellent evening's entertainment. The club have an excellent instructor in the shape of Dan Murphy, who won innumerable contests and competitions, and is also teacher to the Columbia, Gothic, and Lynn boxing clubs. On this occasion he acted as one of the seconds, a situation he is quite capable of filling satisfactorily. Messrs. Pursey and Dees acted as M.C.'s, while the judging was in the hands of members of the A. B. A. The 10st 8lb was the first competition staged, and a promising start was made, the first pair being Lagan and Heard. After a good bout Lagan won easily. Taper, of the Battersea F.C., won the next bout easily in the opening round. Another short one was the next, Cater beating Meadmore in about one minute. One round was the time the next lasted, Rogers being the better man, and as Steers had no chance it was stopped. The 8st 10lb was the next put on the boards, the commencement being effected by the appearance of Rippington and Crampton. This was finely contested, Rippington finding the floor many times during the bout, and after a fine bout the decision went to Rippington. Pieri and Shepherd were the next pair, and after Pieri looked like winning easily Shepherd pulled up, and after making a hard battle of it just lost the verdict. The 10st open was the next item, the first pair being Nelan and Dale. The beginning saw some hard fighting, but they soon slowed down, and Nelan gained the fiat. Two members of the University B.C. came together for the next bout, and Barnett started at a rare pace, but was unable to stand the strain, and, falling weak, Warner did all the scoring, and won. The second bouts of the 10st 8lb came on, and after a hard meeting Baddeley beat Taper. The semi-final of the 8st 10lb open opened with a fine meeting between Pieri and Lengthorn. Pieri did not show to advantage at the start, but after the first meeting he kept scoring fast, and finally Pieri won. The semi-final of the 10st brought forward Warner and Ward, the latter having the worst of matters, and Warner won as he liked. The semi-final of the 10st 8lb was the next item, Lagan and Baddeley causing plenty of fun till the verdict was given in favour of Baddeley. The final bout of the 8st 10lb was between Rippington and Pieri. The first named forced the exchanges and had a good lead at the end of the second round. It was well contested, with a verdict for Rippington. Final bout, 10st Open: Warner and Nolan.—The latter had none the worst of the opening round, and at the close of a grand bout Warner won the bout, being stopped when 15sec had to elapse. The wind-up of the evening was the final of the 10st 8lb between Baddeley and Rogers. Baddeley was a very tall young fellow and looked about 11st 4lb; it was easily won, as Rogers soon sent his rival to sleep. 8st 10lb Open Competition: T. Rippington (Barnsbury B.C.) and W. Crampton (University Club Harriers).—1. Both were very cautious, and it was easy till time was called. Round 2. Crampton woke up and forced the pace, sending the Barnsbury representative down three times. Round 3. Both fought well, but at the finish the award went to Rippington. J. T. Pieri (Columbia B.C.) beat G. E. Shepherd (Grange Works C.C.). —Round 1. Pieri scored well, and established a lead. Round 2. Shepherd made a fight of it, forcing the pace till the end of the round. Round 3. The last meeting was well fought out, but Pieri was the better boxer, and won. W. Lengthorn (Saye's Court Institute) a bye. 8st 10lb Open. — Semi-final: Pieri beat Lengthorn.—Round 1. A lively bout, the last-named doing all the work, forcing Pieri all over the ring. Round 2. The Columbia youth was satisfied to score, and though keeping on the move, used the dexter hand well. Round 3. Both tried all they knew, and after a grand contest the verdict went to Pieri. Rippington a bye. Final: Pieri and Rippington.—Round 1. They started off at a fast pace, Rippington doing the work, but was well met, and they kept at it till the round ended. Round 2. The Barnsbury member kept up the pace, and turned the claret on. Round 3. A fine meeting, both trying to gain the prize, and at the end Rippington won. 10st Open Competition: J. W. Dale (Saye's Court Institute) and W. Nelan (Goldsmith Institute B.C.)—Round 1. Both started at each other like tigers, the pace being terrific, swinging both hands like windmills. Round 2. They slowed down and sparred for an opening, and Nelan scored best during the meeting. Round 3. Both went well during this meeting, and when the award went to Nelan the cheering was loud and long. A. Warner (University B.C.) beat C. Barnett (of the same club)—Round 1. The last named forced his clubmate all over the ring, but after half the round had been gone through Warner scored fast. Round 2. Barnett was tiring and Warner scored well, and in the third Barnett slipped down, rising he went on till the call of time, and Warner won. 10st Open Semi-final: Warner beat Ward—Round 1. The last-mentioned of the twain, a member of the Belsize B.C., had gained the bye in the previous series, and Warner sent him to the boards at the first meeting. Round 2. Ward did not show to advantage, the University man scoring fast. Round 3. Warner could not keep his left out of his rival's face, and won easily. Nelan a bye. Final: Warner beat Nelan.—Round 1. The University man scored at the start of the round, and Nelan more than equalised by the call of time. Round 2. Warner used a very straight left, and there was hardly anything in it when they started Round 3. Both tried all they knew, and the award went to Warner. 10st 8lb Novices' Competition.—E. Heard (Rome Amateur B.C.) and A. E. Lagan (Gainsford B.C.) were the first pair. Round 1. Heard was taller and not as stout as his opponent, who was sent to the boards during the first half minute. Round 2. After a hard bout Lagan, who was the stronger, knocked his opponent out and won. J. Jackson (Peoples' Palace Gym.) and J. E. Taper (Battersea F.C.)—Round 1. A fierce bout, Taper being the stronger, and he won in the opening round. J. D. Meadmore (1st Essex Volunteer Gym.) and A. Cater (Highgate B.C.)—Round 1. The latter set about his rival, and after sending him to the boards twice it was stopped and given to Cater. G. Steers (Tee-To-Tum B.C.) and J. Rogers (Saye's Court Institute).—Round 1. Steers was sent to the boards three times, and as he had no earthly chance it was stopped and given to Rogers. E. J. Baddeley (Poly. B.C.) a bye. 10st 8lb, second ties: Baddeley beat Taper.—Round 1. Baddeley who had the bye was the taller of the twain, and his opponent forced the pace amidst the cries of "Go it, little one." Both were very tired and glad when time was called. Round 2. Both were weak and Taper was forced down twice and Baddeley won. Rogers beat Cater—Round 1. Both were eager, and for a couple of minutes harder punching could not be seen, the last half minute saw Cater out. Lagan a bye. Semi-final: Lagan and Baddeley.—Round 1. Both were novices and were in holds many times during an evenly-contested round. Round 2. They were both unable to hit hard, and there was nothing in it when they retired. Round 3. Fiercely fought out with a win for Baddeley. Rogers a bye. Final bout 10st 8lb: Rogers beat Baddeley—Round 1. Rogers with the first punch sent his opponent down and repeated the dose twice and Rogers won.

It comes as a boon and a blessing from "Ylds," This bread and this soup for the Drury Lane kids.

THE NEW ADELPHI CLUB having fulfilled its mission in the good Samaritan line of business in distributing bread and soup to the hungry and cold of Drury Lane and neighbourhood on Thursday, put on a boxing show which took the form of an 8st professional competition. Harry Smith (Walworth) beat Bill Dickenson (Finsbury).—Smith scored rapidly with the left hand. Finally won. G. Dempsey (Islington) beat Jem Kendrick (Hackney).—Dempsey continued pushing for a few seconds, and then greatly improved, hitting freer and harder with right as well as left. Ultimately Dempsey won. Jem Stroud (Southwark) beat Jem Richardson (Walworth).—Sharp practice by both, Stroud maintaining an advantage and winning, though not easily. Bill Francis (Walworth) beat Jack Thurbin (Borough).—The latter retired in round 2, rather more frightened or tired than hurt. Semi-final: G. Dempsey beat H. Smith.—On the ropes Dempsey bested his man, and Smith dropped, whereupon the referee stopped the contest. Bill Francis beat J. Stroud.—It was a stubborn encounter, but Stroud's superiority was obvious. Many rallies occurred, and Stroud was the better man to the finish. Another round ordered, and Francis returned the winner. Final: Bill Francis v. G. Dempsey.—Dempsey the better boxer, but Francis was again lucky, and declared the winner. Three Rounds Trial.—A. Mortimer (Upton Park) v. Fred Jones (Bermondsey). Three Rounds Trial.—Joe Kerry (Hammersmith) v. "Wag" Hampton (Finsbury).

TED GOODSON and Albert Hollings, who made such a splendid fight at the New Goodwin Club on Wednesday, January 10, have been matched to contest the best of ten rounds on Wednesday, January 31, for £50 a-side and the N.G.C. purse. As the last bout was not satisfactory to Goodson's backers, they will muster in force and there will be cash in galore for both. It should prove a battle royal, and, if possible, add to the success of the executive.

ALF NEARY.—Last week we alluded to this good sportsman's sad condition. We regret to say that "Caustic" is informed by Mrs. Blumson (Alf's sister) that there are no hopes for the recovery of the once popular host of the Griffin, Shoreditch.

AT PROFESSOR GRAY'S, LIVERPOOL.

WILLS CLEVERLY DEFEATS JOHNSON.

THERE WAS A RECORD attendance at Professor Gray's Sporting Gymnasium, Atherton Street, South Castle Street, Liverpool, recently, when the well-known and popular local light-weight pugilists George Wills, of Liverpool, and Billy Johnson, of Southport, met to contest the best of fifteen rounds under Queensberry rules at 10st for £15 a-side and a further pecuniary inducement given by the worthy director of the gymnasium. Both men had undergone searching preparations, and the fine condition in which they were brought to the ringside reflected great credit on their respective trainers, Wills having been under the care of George Roberts at Everton, and Johnson at Birkenhead, where he was conditioned by the widely-known Dan Whelligan. Wills, who was the first to enter the arena, was handled by his trainer and Billy Brierley and Andy Reed, both of Liverpool, whilst Johnson's adherents were his trainer, Harry Thorne, Albert Boyce, of Birkenhead, and Ernie Stanton (late of London). Messrs. Tom Gamble and F. W. Stinton, both of Manchester, were appointed by the stakeholder referee and timekeeper respectively. The contest was begun with both indulging in fabian-like tactics, only two blows being struck in the first round, and both these were registered by Johnson. In the next round the latter busied himself by making a few good straight left-handed visits on Wills's face, but the latter here missed what appeared a golden opportunity of securing a knock-out blow. The third round finished up about even. The succeeding round slightly favoured the Southport representative, although both still introduced a good deal of finessing. The fifth round was initiated by Wills forcing the pace with a series of telling left-handed jabs on his opponent's physiognomy. This valuable lead was cleverly supplemented in the following round by some skilful two-handed work on the part of the Liverpudlian. From this stage until the close of the contest (the bout going the stipulated number of rounds) the ultimate issue was looked upon as a foregone conclusion, a knock-out being the only agency by which Johnson could have possibly secured a victory, as Wills, round after round, scored points with the greatest of ease, and at the same time cleverly kept out of harm's way. At the termination of the allotted number of rounds the referee awarded the battle on points to Wills amidst great cheering. The result of the contest was a great surprise to most of the spectators, as prior to the commencement the general opinion seemed to be that Johnson would win. It is, however, the old story repeating itself—amateur versus pro.—this being Johnson's first contest as a professional, and in consequence Wills's superior generalship and experience enabled him at all times to hold a complete mastery over his adversary. Previous to the aforementioned bout being determined exhibition boxing was given by Young Gray and Young Gill, Tommy Wallace (Liverpool) and Billy Johnson (Bolton), Young Brown (Birkenhead) and Young Waring (Rock Ferry), "Dido" Lorne (Liverpool) and Bezzie Walker (also of Liverpool), and Ernie Stanton (late of London) and Albert Boyce (Birkenhead).

STALYBRIDGE GYMNASTIC CLUB.—Jack Haggerty, the manager of the above, is a thorough all-round sport, a champion swimmer, and almost a champion ped. Lately Jack has given his mind to boxing, and the Stalybridge Gymnastic Club has been most succesful under his management, Jack offering big purses both for the Scales v. Burge match and the Plimmer v. Ware contest, the latter of which he has secured. Early last week Jack gave his patrons a bill of fare consisting of three boxing matches. The first was between Ford (Manchester) and Jones (Stalybridge), who contested six rounds for a valuable prize. Jones won at the end of the second round. The meeting of Burgess (Stockport) and Burns (Bolton) in a ten rounds contest was a spirited affair, and lasted the full distance, when the Stockport man won on points. The event of the evening was the meeting of A. Hazelgrove (Newton Heath) and W. Pennington (Patricroft), who were matched to box fifteen rounds for £45. After a severe tussle, Pennington gave up in the eighth round.

BOXING AT MONTE CARLO.—Paris was at one time the venue for the British boxer to show his form, now it is Monte Carlo. Recently two lads, Bill Corbett and Dick Dean, were imported, and boxed before a selection of sports in a small music hall in the principality. Bill Corbett is a bit old now at the game, but Bill managed to win from his younger opponent by superior condition. Sixteen rounds were fought of a very equal nature, but Dick Dean put in a lot of work in the last four rounds. It was either man's battle, but the referee awarded Corbett the verdict.

GOOD MIDDLE and light-weight boxers can join at once, not later than Saturday, to Professor Waller's boxing booth, Lynn Street, West Hartlepool. Good money.

BEN JORDAN AND TERRY McGOVERN.

LAST SATURDAY MORNING we received a cablegram from the American representative of THE MIRROR OF LIFE and National Sporting Club in reference to the match between Ben Jordan and Terry McGovern. Mr. A. F. Bettinson, the manager of the N.S.C., wired Ben Jordan to attend the club. On his arrival he situation was explained to him, articles were made out, stipulating for a twenty rounds contest at 8st 9lb, weigh at two o'clock on the day, for the club purse and £200 a-side. Jordan at once signed the articles, which were witnessed by THE MIRROR OF LIFE representative, who immediately mailed them to our New York representative to receive McGovern's signature. We now believe on account of the concessions made by Jordan that the match is almost a surety, and that the members of the National Sporting Club will now be able to witness the prowess of McGovern (the "Brooklyn Terror") against the best man of his weight in England.

SYDNEY BOXING CLUB'S ANNUAL Competitions.—Once upon a time it was the Royal Victors whose annual meetings were productive of fame, bloodshed, and science, a club which produced such champions as the late Charley Roberts, Dickory, Joe Gobby, and others too numerous to mention. For some reason or other this flourishing club, the members of which were horny-handed sons of toil and hard hitters, went to the wall. Other clubs, however, have risen on its ashes—notably the Lynn B.C. and the Sydney B.C., whose annual competitions took place recently. 8st 4lb Novices' Competition.—First Series: H. Freeman beat A. Nash.—Freeman put on a rare sequence of points, and improving his position as they went on he won comfortably at the finish. F. Davis beat J. Woods.—Another real good set-to throughout the first round, Davis having so much the best of the hard work done as to compel Woods to retire when they went to their corners. J. Lamb beat Dove.—Although they both did their level best it was easy to see that the lamb was too good for the dove, who wisely retired at the close of the first round. Second Series: Lamb beat Freeman.—This bout proved to be very interesting, both boxing well, using both hands in clever workmanlike style, but when the opening round had been got through Freeman retired. Davis a bye. Final Bout: Lamb beat Davis.—This was looked upon as a real good thing for Davis, but quite unexpectedly Lamb showed himself possessed of a new life and dash by the persistency of his onslaughts, the result being that Davis had had enough before the close of the first round, when he gave in and left Lamb to carry off the prize. 9st Novices' Competition.—First Series: Bout 1.—H. Sparrow beat W. Haines.—Sparrow was taller and much smarter than Haines, but the latter took a lot of gruelling before he gave in to a better and more finished novice than himself. R. Wood a bye. Final Bout: Sparrow beat Wood.—They both plied their hands left and right on each other's dials unceasingly for a minute, after which Sparrow took such an unmistakable lead that Wood found it best to do as others had done before him and retire. Six rounds contest: J. Gilling beat F. Newman. Exhibition Bouts: Joe Lucy v. Arthur Cates (both Single Street A.C.).—Real good hard-hitting bout between pals. Professor F. Beeby (instructor Sydney B.C.) v. H. Everett (Sydney B.C.).—Good and instructive. W. Long (Sydney B.C.) v. W. Cramplin (Sydney B.C., winner of three open competitions). A. Warren (University B.C.) v. J. Purrie (Columbia B.C.).—A rather smart couple. H. J. Lynch (Sydney B.C.) v. R. Russell (Sydney B.C.).—This couple showed how clubmates can and do pommel each other. C. Connelly (Sydney B.C.) v. Professor J. Snelling (an old member of the Sydney B.C.). Joe Harrison and Joe Chester set-to, and gave one of the best demonstrations of the evening.

CONTEST FOR THE 7st 8lb CHAMPIONSHIP of the North.—Jack Jones and "Kid" Veitch, both of Newcastle, met on Monday night at the Standard Theatre to decide the above and a stake of £25 a-side. Jones was 2½lb the heavier man, but after some discussion between the men this was allowed. Jones, who is a very taking youth, was the non-favourite, 7 to 4 being laid on Veitch. So well did the latter shape that ere three rounds of the journey had progressed the odds were unnamable on Veitch. Jones was not done with, however, for he fought like his famous namesake of prize-ring lore, and by sheer slogging made Veitch's chance none too rosy. Science on the part of Veitch, however, eventually told its tale, and the sponge was thrown up for the game Jack Jones in the sixth round. According to his showing with Jones the "Kid" should make it very sultry for some of the many claimants for honours at this weight in the London division.

G. CHADWICK, hearing so much of Mike Savage, of Lambeth, would be pleased to box him six or eight rounds if Mr. J. T. Hulls, of Drill Hall, Woolwich, will provide a suitable purse.

THE POLYTECHNIC HARRIERS' OPEN COMPETITIONS.

THE JUDGES WHO assembled to arbitrate on the above competitions were far more numerous than the entrants for the 7st 12lb novices' and 10st 10lb open competition. Although two of the orthodox silver cups were given for contention the competitions, so far as entries were concerned, did not catch on, the 10st 10lb competition being almost confined to a match between Mann, of the Lynn B.C., and E. Jupp, of the Polytechnic, Teddy Mann, as his friends delight to call the Lynn boxer, being in his best form—beating his first opponent ere two rounds had expired. Details:—7st 12lb Novices' Competition.—First Series: C. Brookman (Finchley H.) beat E. Coomber (unattached); Charles Forster (unattached) beat T. Powell (unattached); G. L. Berwick (Sydney B.C.), a bye; W. Norris (Anchor B.C.), scratched; F. Hyatt (Anchor B.C.) beat G. Cook (Sayes Court Institute). Second Series: Brookman beat Hyatt, Berwick beat Forster. This lasted less than half a minute, for after Berwick had got home twice on his opponent's face, Forster slipped to the boards, and for some reason or other retired. Final Bout: Berwick beat Brookman.—There was nothing much in the first round, the work being rather uninteresting, for both men knew but little of the game, Berwick, if anything, being the better boxer. Next time he displayed this by putting his left in his opponent's face on several occasions, and by the close having a good lead. Next time both lads went very : : d, and with Berwick again doing better, he won rather easily. 10st 10lb Open Competition.—First round: E. Mann (Lynn B.C.) beat J. Scott (St. Paul's Mission B.C.). Scott gave in before the end of the second round. F. Jupp (Polytechnic), a bye; A. Penford (Stanhope B.C.), scratched. Vincent Dowell (Finchley H.), scratched. Final bout: Mann beat Jupp.—In the first round the work was of a very exciting character, for after Jupp had got home twice with one straight on the jaw, Mann floored his opponent, who came up the worse for wear. He recovered in splendid style, however, and the pair boxed finely to the end of the round, when Mann had a slight advantage. Next time they both did finely, Jupp, who had quite recovered, doing some excellent work, and ere the close getting level. In the last the men both got wild, and simply slogged away without displaying much science. Mann, however, who is the better boxer, scored points at a faster rate than his opponent, and at the end, with both men dyed red, Mann was declared the winner of a splendid bout. Jupp, who is a very game man, is deserving of as much credit as his conqueror.

HEXHAM HOUSE TAVERN, NEWcastle.—The great attendance at the above resort was fully warranted by the unusually attractive programme which had been promised by Mr. Lowes. Mr. Lowes obtained the champion lady boxer's presence for Saturday night. Miss Ross, who has a very pleasant presence, in the four rounds she boxed with Jem Wallace, the 7st 4lb champion of Yorkshire, delighted the onlookers to an exceeding great extent, and at the end of the meeting received no small amount of hearty applause. Previously exhibitions were given by J. Johnson and J. Griffin, midgets, who, improving, continue to please, and much delight was caused by the meeting of Tim Kelly and J. Chant, the latter of whom had but a sorry time of it with the old war horse. Pete Hewitt and J. Dunn gave a scientific display, as did Ike Cohen and "Spike" Johnson, and J. Nelson and Peter Welsh, of Sunderland. Then were introduced for a six rounds contest "Darkey" Carpenter and R. Nixon for a £20 wager and a purse. There was no end of interest evinced in this contest, which was most stubbornly fought until the end of the third round, when, after being floored for a few seconds, Nixon retired.

GEORGE DUNNY called up to THE MIRROR OF LIFE office and informed us that Mr. John Sampon would match George Dunny to box Charley James, Kingsland, at 7st 2lb, not 8st 12lb, the best of 20 rounds for £25, open to £50 a-side, THE MIRROR OF LIFE to appoint referee and stake-holder. No answer from James will be taken any notice of unless he leaves a deposit to show he means business, as Dunny requires no more paper talk from James. George Dunny accepts Billy Rowes's challenge and is only waiting for any club in the north to offer a purse.

"HAMMIE" GAULT, of Belfast, will box any lad in Ireland at 5st 6lb for the best purse. "Hammie" Gault can be heard of at the Albert Club, Belfast.

BELFAST NOTES.—On last Thursday night at the Albert Club, in addition to the usual eight rounds contest, there was a grand three rounds trial between Paddy O'Hara, 8st 6lb champion of Ulster, and Jem Courtney, Barry Docks, Cardiff. The Welshman displayed very good form, and will probably be matched with some of our 'local cracks ere long.

FRANK GESS v. SAM PARKER.

WE HAVE RECEIVED the following letter from Frank Gess and his trainer, Mike Flynn:—

Fox and Hounds Hotel,
Boston Spa, Yorkshire.
January 27, 1900.

To Editor of THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

DEAR SIR,—Frank Gess wishes me to write and tell you that he is fit and well for his coming match with Sam Parker, of Leeds. Frank Gess will weigh in at 9st 6lb on the night of the fight, also he hopes to show a good account of himself, and hopes to get the biggest end of the purse. He is also well pleased with his training quarters at that old and well-known sportsman, Samuel Johnson's, of the Fox and Hounds Hotel, Boston Spa (late of Leeds), under the careful eye of his trainer, Michael Flynn, of Islington. Frank Gess would be pleased to box any of the following at 9st 6lb: Jem Barry, of St. James's, Harry Tongue, of Birmingham, Dixon, of Newcastle, Billy Brierley, Liverpool, or Jack Roberts, of Drury Lane, for £50 or upwards.—Yours truly,

FRANK GESS
and
MICHAEL FLYNN.

P.S.—Michael Flynn will box any 11st man in the North of England, Jack Brierley, of Liverpool, preferred. Business only meant.

A KNUCKLE FIGHT IN THE "HOME District."—At a certain club, not a hundred miles from Battersea Park, recently, a fight with the raw 'uns came off between Ted Bennett, of Walworth, and Joe Hennesey, of Southwark. These lads were matched some time ago by two well-known gentlemen connected with a boxing club in Bayswater to fight ten rounds at 8st 4lb. Several noted boxers were in attendance when the fight took place, besides a number of sporting gentlemen. The match was for £30 a-side. Both Bennett and Hennesey were well matched as regards height and weight, and a stubborn fight to the full number of rounds was anticipated. Bennett, however, seemed to have the fight all his own way after the second round, and smashed Hennesey fearfully about the face and body. During the minute's interval between the third and fourth rounds Hennesey began to bleed profusely from the mouth and nose, whereupon his seconds advised him to "chuck it," but this only served to rouse his Irish blood, and he insisted upon fighting it out. Up for the fourth round, Hennesey rushed at his man, and with a left hook on the jaw, brought him to his knees. Bennett, however, was soon on his feet again, and some fierce fighting took place. With his eyes fast closing, and the blood streaming from his nose and mouth, Hennesey fought on gamely, and his undaunted pluck deserves great praise. Bennett, after driving his man about the ring like a shuttlecock for about two minutes, swung his right heavily on the point of the jaw, and Hennesey fell to the boards as though he had been shot, and had to be carried out of the ring in a state of unconsciousness.

DEATH OF "CHIPPY" NORTON.—"Chippy" Norton, otherwise Harry Bull, famous in his day as a ring fighter and a ring penciller, died on Saturday from pneumonia. "Chippy" once upon a time fought Penton, of Birmingham. He wore the largest emeralds and diamonds in Tattersall's enclosure, had the loudest voice, and was credited with having creditors who contracted debts "on the nod" to the tune of *forty thousand pounds.*

BOXING AT CAMBRIDGE.—A short time since a contest which has caused a considerable amount of interest came off at the Crown and Harp before a very select company. The combatants were "Cooler" Ebbon and "Punch" Moore, who agreed to box the best of twelve rounds for a purse contributed by a few gentlemen. After preliminary bouts the two principals took up their positions. At the call of time they set to work, and each tried from the commencement for a knock-out. They battled away for five rounds, during which time the fighting was hard and fast. Each in turn was floored by well-directed blows. Towards the close of the fifth round Ebbon sent his right to the body, and then a jolt from his left dropped Moore all in a heap to the boards, where he remained until counted out. Ebbon was declared the winner, but plainly showed signs of the conflict. Moore was disappointed at the outcome of the "go," and expressed a desire to have another try. Ebbon's backer at once notified his willingness to make a return match by placing money in responsible hands, which in all probability will be covered and a further contest arranged. Steve Canty acted as referee and timekeeper.

BILLY GORDON (America) accepts Maurice Greenfield's challenge, and states his willingness to box at 10st, at the Standard Theatre, Gateshead, if Mr. James Lowes will offer a purse, the contest to be fifteen or twenty rounds from £25 to £100 a-side. Or Gordon will box Greenfield at the National Sporting Club for a purse and side bet.

MIKE RIELLY V. FRED PRECIOUS.—Mike Rielly weighed at THE MIRROR OF LIFE prior to his appearance at the N.S.C. Rielly was much under weight, and looking very unfit. This we remarked to Mike's friends. The lad was accompanied by Charles Donaldson (wrestler), Johnny Boyle, his trainer, and many Scotch friends. The party were putting up at their old training quarters in Bedford Place, W.C.

A KNUCKLE FIGHT FOR THE 6st 6lb CHAMPIONSHIP OF WOLVERHAMPTON.

IT IS FITTING that the town rendered famous as the abiding place of Abe Hicken and Joe Goss should be the scene of a knuckle fight for what is denominated the 6st 6lb pugilistic-championship of Wolverhampton. Joe ("Dodger") Law and Billy Morgan met early last week on Penn Common, Wolverhampton, to contest for the above honour. Morgan had the advantage in height of at least two inches. "Dodger" is rather short but stiffly built. Details.—Round 1. They shook hands in rather a good-natured way, then "Dodger" started with a rush, getting a left under the eye and swinging the right on the ear, Billy putting some good ones on the body. Joe forced Morgan round the ring and sent him (Morgan) down after two minutes and a half fighting. Round 2. Both came up smiling. Billy made a vicious swing for the jaw, but Joe wasn't taking any and blocked it neatly. Joe was quicker on his feet and began to dance round him, Billy forced Joe into a corner, but Joe forced his way back into the centre of the ring, where he got to close quarters, and kept pummelling Morgan in the face, making him look like a Red Indian, Morgan retaliating with some good stiff 'uns on the body. On breaking away Billy sent a right swing on the jaw that was enough to knock two of Joe's size out, but "Dodger" sent a rib-bender in and upper-cut Morgan, sending him off his feet. Round 3. Joe came up with a wicked look on his face, and started with a rush and trying to knock the wind out of Morgan. Morgan then rushed Joe to a corner, but Joe got out with a bit of clever footwork. They sparred a bit in the centre of the ring. Joe made a feint with his left, and like a shot out went his right to the jaw with a crash. It was a splendid knock-out. Law, who is a late pupil to Ted Phillips (Birmingham), came out without a mark on his face. "Dodger" Law can be backed against any lad in England with the gloves at the above weight.

A SPECIAL BOXING NIGHT AT St. George's Hall, Westminster Bridge Road.—Harry Westbrooke, who promoted this entertainment, is one of the numerous boxing promoters now out for the furtherance of the sport. The ball was opened by ball-punching, a midget display, and an exhibition bout between Ben Jordan and a recent resurrectionist in the shape of Ted Daley. A six-rounds bout between Dunny, of Stoke Newington, and Archie Wright, of the Meat Market, ended in the first minute of the first round, Wright walking in to receive a swinging right, which landed on the jaw, and Wright landed on the floor. The noble art as exemplified by Arthur Callan, of Wood Green, and Frank Lowry, of the World's Fair, was not edifying. Callan seems to look upon an opponent as a mattress or feather bed on which to rest, the opponent exhausting himself in his endeavours to get rid of his unwelcome guest. After Callan has taken his rest, and taken it out of his opponent, he then starts slogging in all the most approved ways of the up-to-date boxer. Lowry tried his hand at mixing it, in this modern style of boxing, and having rid himself of his incubus on the chest, for five rounds Lowry succeeded, but so exhausted did he become that he could not go the remainder of the journey, and Lowry held out his hand in token of defeat. In a fifteen round contest Bill Pincombe beat George Ganney. Pincombe was always in front, and after going the full journey received the verdict. In what was to have been a fifteen rounds go between Albert Hollings, of Bethnal Green, and George Stanton, Hackney, the latter was counted out half-way through the first round. At intervals during the evening exhibition boxing took place between Cunningham v. Tiddiman, Ware v. Ireland, and Pat Daley v. Harry Neumier.

THE AGRICULTURAL HALL WIDOWS and Orphans' War Fund.—Mr. T. Read, one of the lessees of the big fair at the above hall, on Monday placed in the hands of the Lord Mayor the gratifying amount of £88 12s, which had been realised on the preceding Friday, each showman giving half of his takings. Friday being a wet night, most of the showmen added their mite to the whole of their takings.

AGRICULTURAL HALL SHOWMAN'S Supper and Ball.—About 400 showmen from different parts of the United Kingdom sat down to supper and indulged in the terpsichorean art last Wednesday evening. The proceedings commenced late and ended early, commencing at the witching hour of night and ending early (4 a.m.) on Thursday morning. One of the lessees of the hall, T. Read, Esq., took the chair, and everything passed off splendidly.

ALBERT LITTLEFIELD, bearing Tom King, of Aldgate, is dissatisfied with his defeat by A. L., would like to box him any number of rounds, and will have a good side bet on the result. Ted Goodson or Alf Greer can be accommodated.

BOXING AT ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

LAST TUESDAY week Con Donovan staged a grand evening's entertainment at St. George's Hall, Westminster Bridge Road. A special feature of the evening was a 7st professional competition between picked men, and a couple of contests. Long before a start was made the place was packed by an eager throng, and a little later on even standing room was at a premium. The first contest was between Jack Lewis and Tom Hall; the latter hit harder and had all the best of it, winning easily. In the 7st competition for the championship belt, out of a numerous entry fourteen turned up to compete. The first bout was a very fine one, both doing their utmost, but someone called time, and, as it was not the official timekeeper, they had to box on. The bout between Jem Exall and Joe Noble lasted one minute, when the referee stopped it and gave it to Exall. The bout between Caley and Tierman was a fierce one, and finally Tierman won. Proceedings were opened by an exhibition spar between Dan Herring and Charlie Exall, which gratified the audience. "Ginger" Stanley acted as M.C. during the evening. A three rounds spar between George Johnson and Bill Bolton was the next item. A six rounds contest, Tom Hall and Jack Lewis being the rivals. Mr. W. Higgins acted as referee, with Harry Houldsworth as timekeeper; judges Alf Boon and Mr. Parnell. Round 1. Hall tried to end it quickly, and had the best of the bout when time was called. Round 2. Lewis first, and Hall hit heavy on the body, the black slipping down several times. Round 3. Hall hit very hard, but Lewis began to improve. Round 4. With an upper cut Hall sent Lewis to the boards; rising, the black clinched, but was again down when time was called. Round 5. Lewis sent down thrice in this, his opponent having all the best of it. Round 6. Hall had all the best of it, and received the decision. Alf Winters and Alf Sparrow acted as seconds during the evening. A three rounds exhibition bout between Frank Morecambe and Jem Guinn. Next on the programme was a three rounds exhibition between Bill Nolan and Tom Phillips. The first heats of the 7st competition for the championship belt were next put on the boards, the first pair being Young Spoony and Billy Male. Round 1. A fine fight, give and take to the finish. Male being in front. Round 2. Male fought to a standstill, the bout ending equal. Round 3. A fierce battle throughout this and the fourth round, and finally the judges disagreed, and the referee gave it to Male. Frank Exall beat Patsy Hickey.—Round 1. Exall took a long lead, but in the second round Hickey warmed to his work and made matters lively. Round 3. Exall paid particular attention to the body. Round 4. Hickey pulled up but not enough to win. Jem Exall beat Joe Noble.—Round 1. Exall did as he liked with his opponent, and the bout was stopped. A. Mortimer beat Joe Brett.—Round 1. A grand round, Mortimer, too eager, swinging the right too round to do any damage. Round 2. Give and take till half-way through Brett retired. "Ginger" Mallett and Fred Jones were the next pair for the competition.—Round 1. Jones easily scored till Mallett sent the right home, and down went Jones; rising, he fought till time was called. Round 2. Jones scored well, and left off with a long lead. Round 3. Jones at the end of this round was dead beat. Round 4. Both weak as kittens, and though Jones had scored the most, on the judges disagreeing the award went to Mallett. Joe Tierman beat Bill Caley.—Round 1. A very hard-hitting bout. Round 2. This and the next three were fiercely contested, Tierman being in the van. On the judges disagreeing the award went to Tierman. Harry Slough beat Bill Hickman.—Slough took things easy, but finding he had no chance Hickman retired. Twelve rounds contest between George Corris and Jem Briggs.—Round 1. Briggs made play and scored the most in the opening round. Round 2. These two novices, after half a minute's fighting, were both beat and glad when time came to their rescue. Round 3. Both beat, with Briggs covered in gore. Round 4. Both hit where they could, Briggs dead beat at the close. Round 5. Briggs was the stronger and had the best of the round. Round 6. Briggs had again the best of it. Round 7. Corris' turn to have the best of it, sending Briggs to the boards, and, failing to rise, Corris won.

J. DRISCOLL, of Cardiff, seeing "Darkey" Thomas's challenge in last week's MIRROR OF LIFE, J. D. would be pleased to meet him if any gentleman will give a substantial prize.

CHARLEY JAMES, recently promoting boxing at the Hoxton School of Arms, having joined the West Kents, will not be able to promote boxing or answer any boxing challenges at present.

A MATCH HAS been arranged to take place on Wednesday, February 7, when an extra-special entertainment will be staged. The chief item will be a twenty-rounds contest between George Slark and Ted Daley for £50 a-side and the purse offered by the East-end National.

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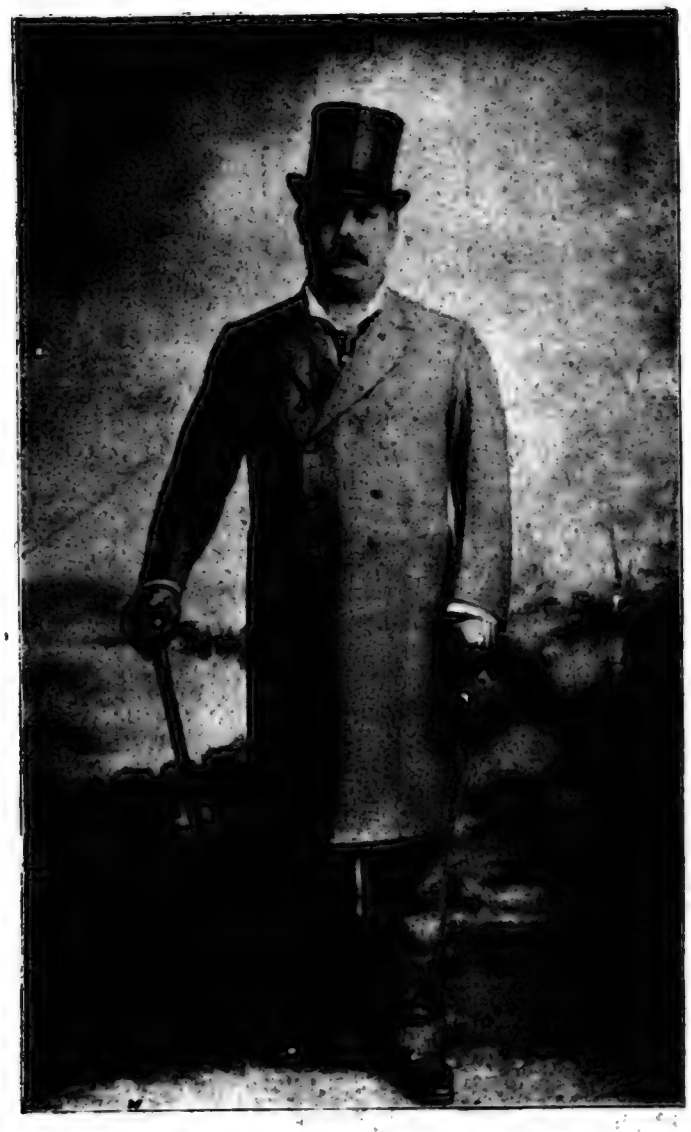

PROFESSOR NED DONNELLY.
The Royal Boxing Professor, and Author of "Self-Defence: the Art of Boxing."

GAMBLED AWAY EVERY PENNY HE HAD.
Lost Three Thousand and his Jewellery.

THREE SCHOOL GIRLS NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH.
A Short Cut Over a Railway Bridge.

A SOFT YOUTH,
But they Starved Him Out.

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The Wife of President Kruger, of the Transvaal.

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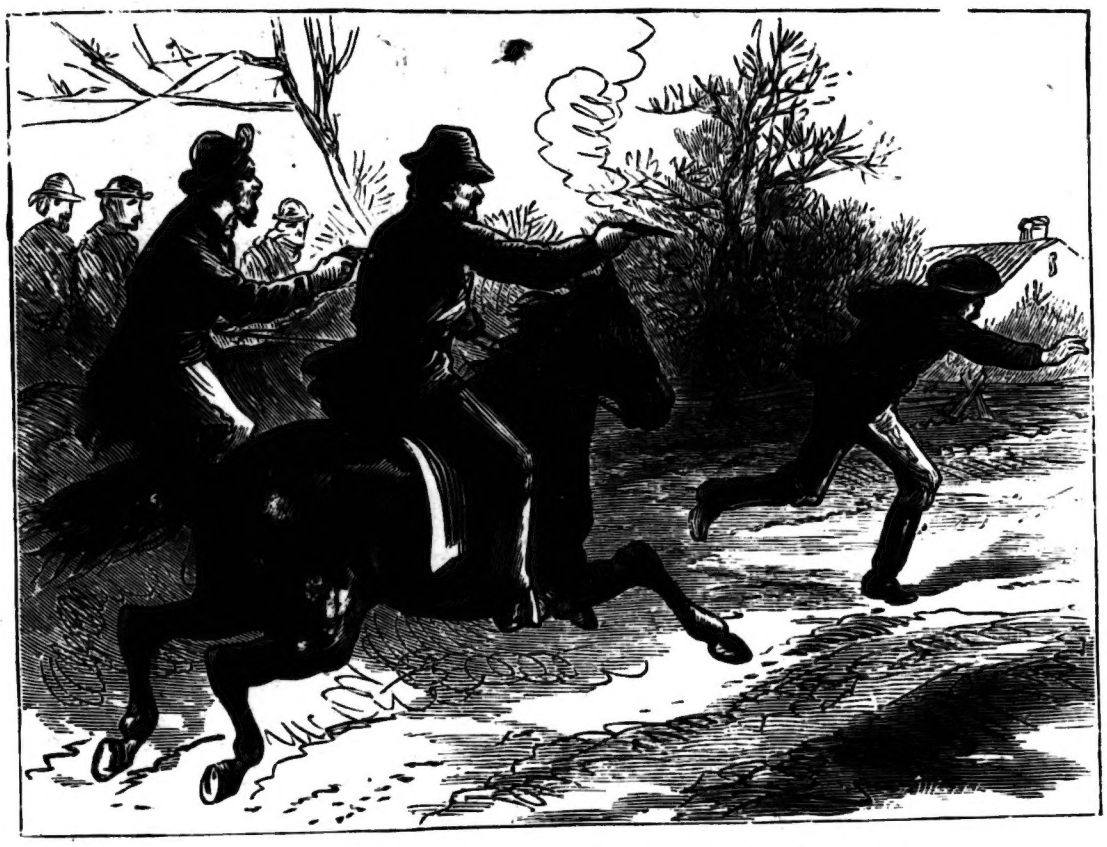

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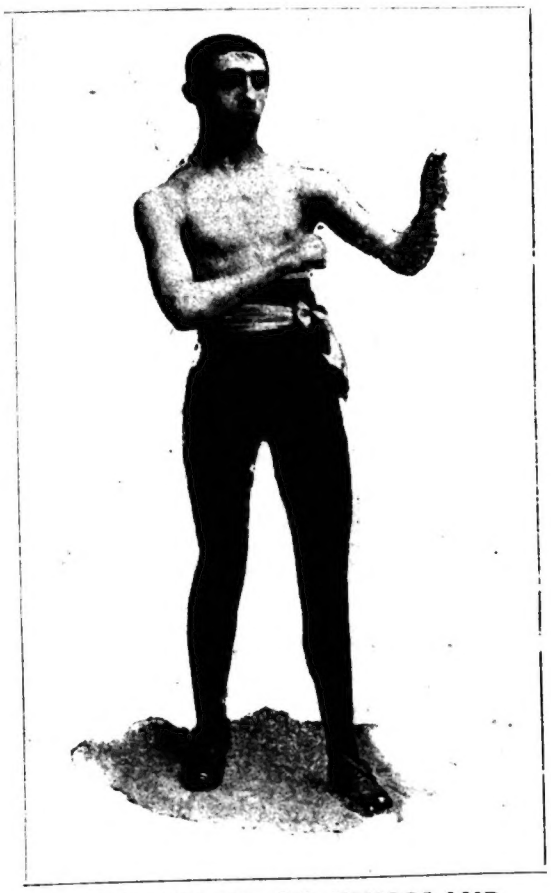
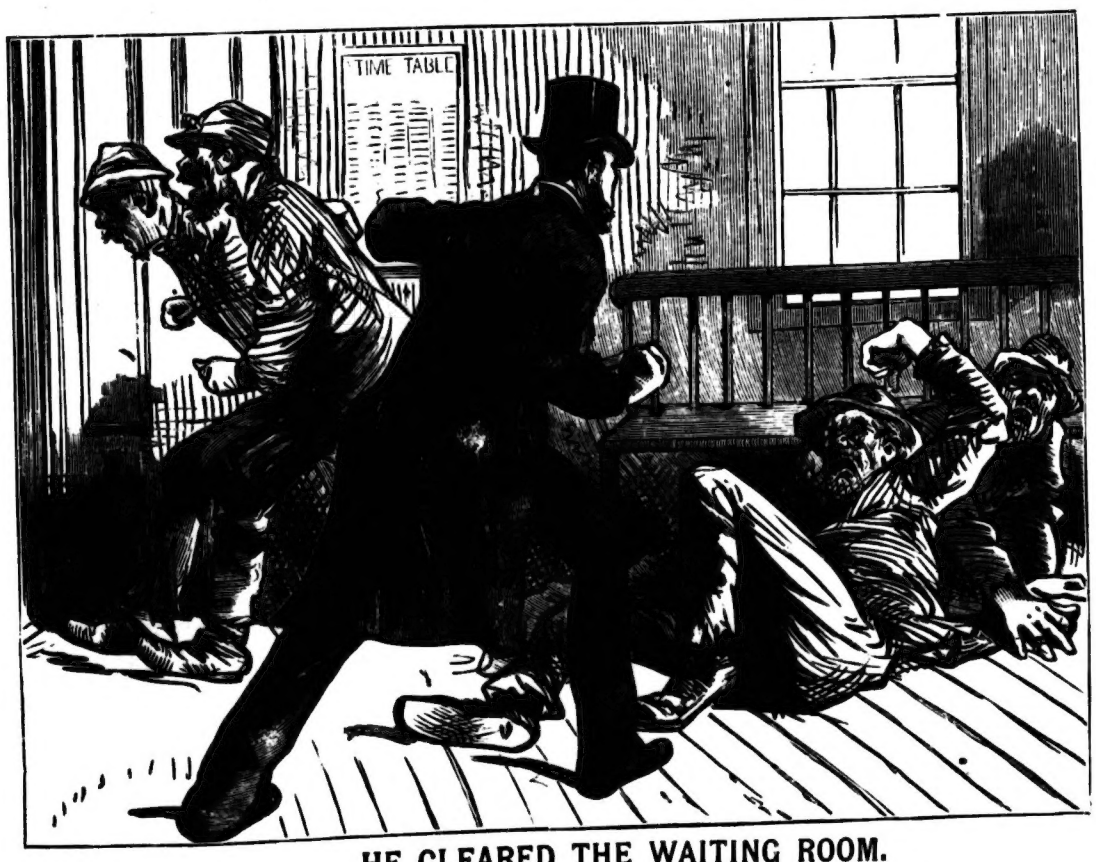
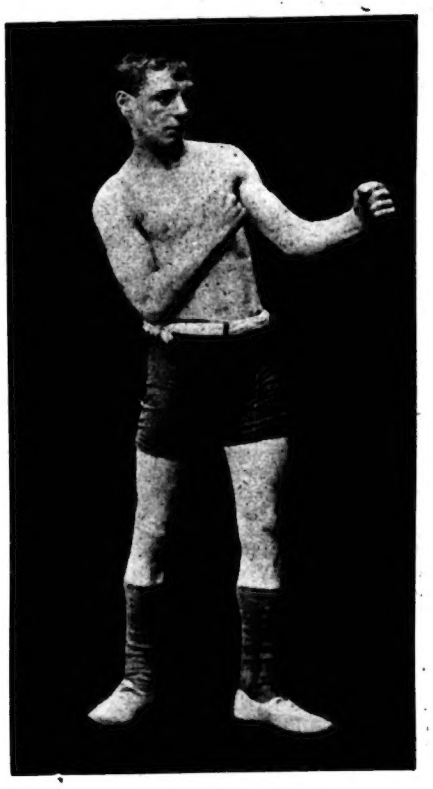


ALF COHEN, OF KINGSLAND,
A Youthful Amateur Boxer, and Ex-Light-Weight Jockey, well known in Kingsland.



HE CLEARED THE WAITING ROOM.
Sleeping Hop Pickers Aroused and "Chucked."



YOUNG TIPPLER GREY,
A Little Bantam well known in Sheffield.

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BRIERLEY v. JACKSON.

WE HAVE RECEIVED the following letter:—

Liverpool, 27, Hawk Street,
January 21, 1900.

To the Editor of THE MIRROR OF LIFE, London

DEAR SIR,—Kindly publish the following:—Mr. Brierley was tendered a complimentary benefit by a number of his friends prior to his departure from Liverpool on an extended tour, and he undertook to stop Jackson, the unbeaten heavy-weight of the North of England, in six rounds or forfeit a sum of money, which at the strong demand of Jackson was placed in the hands of the referee at the ring side. The referee was selected by Jackson after three refusals on his part to men nominated by Brierley. The timekeeper (?) was also his selection. The match was six rounds of 3min duration. Now what was the result? Time was called at the expiration of 1min 40sec in the first round, which saved Jackson from a knock-out. The second round was called 10sec inside time, and the referee warned Jackson twice for foul tactics; the third and fourth rounds were of a similar character, and in the fifth and final round not only did Jackson repeatedly foul, but threw up his hands and quit. Now, how was the verdict? Monstrous! Give justice, as I am sure you will, to men who try to win legitimately.

Brierley is willing to fight any man in England up to 11st for a side wager and the best purse, or will meet the winner of the Burge-Scales match within a month after that fight.

D. E. CLANCY, Manager for Jack Brierley.

BEN HARRIS'S ENTERTAINMENT at the Tee-To-Tum, Stamford Hill.—A special staff of commissionaires were in attendance, and order was kept to a nicety, at times the place being so quiet that one could have heard the proverbial pin drop. The first pair announced were Harry Connell and Buck Shine. They were to go six rounds. Connell was the better boxer, but his opponent was a lot the stronger of the two, and he forced the work, flooring his rival in the second round. It was well fought out, Connell boxing cleverly, and at the end the award went to Shine. An exhibition of club swinging by Bill Reader, one of the noted professors of the art, was a very good display, Reader gaining considerable applause by a considerable number of splendid combinations. Six Rounds Contest, between Tom King and Charlie Broadbank.—The latter was the heavier, and the crowd could see that it was a crook, and Broadbank laid down in round two. 8st 6lb Competition.—First heats: Tom MacGlin beat Jack Norton, Jack Jones beat Albert Slark, Fred Cook beat Ted Durden, Bill Harrison beat George Hayes. The seconds were Bill Baxter and George Slark. Semi-finals: MacGlin beat Jones, Cook beat Harrison, and the boys sang the Dead March. Final: After an easy bout Cook won.

PUBLIC HALL, HIGH STREET, New Brompton.—Boxing Tournament.—Mr. C. Mannering wishes to announce his next competition on Monday, February 5, 1900. On this occasion there will be an 8st 4lb competition open to novices for a handsome cup; a six rounds contest between Charlie Gilks, of Gillingham, and Petts, of New Brompton; a special six rounds contest between Tom Mack, of Royal Engineers, and F. Ford, of H.M.S. Northumberland; a grand six rounds contest between Bill Smith, of Chatham, and Private Carter, of Royal Marines; a six rounds contest between Alf Barnard, of London, and G. Arden, of London; a six rounds contest between F. Barkaway, of Rochester, and Tom Davis, of Royal Navy; a six rounds contest between B. Savage, who won the heavy-weight championship of Chatham and Sheerness, and Joe Goddard, of Lambeth. Wind up of the evening between C. Mannering and Sergeant Thomson. Referee, Mr. J. McQuillan; judges, Mr. Hughes and G. Martin; timekeeper, Mr. Hall; M.C. and boxing manager, Mr. C. Mannering. Prizes on view at Mr. Croneen's, High Street, New Brompton.

SHEFFIELD CITY B.C.—Although a couple of weeks have elapsed since the last entertainment, only a moderate company attended last Saturday evening, when the usual programme was put forth, including several trial bouts of three rounds each, and a contest between the two lads, "Kid" Roberts and Young Ryan, who had agreed to box the best of ten rounds of two minutes' duration at catch-weight. The opening round saw some heavy boxing, and neither could claim any advantage. In the following two rounds Ryan fought in a rough-and-ready style, but he found his match in Roberts, who dealt out some heavy punishment. From this stage up to the close of the sixth round Roberts gradually proved himself the better lad, and on coming up for the seventh time, which proved to be the last, Roberts fought Ryan into a neutral corner, and knocked him out with a right-handed hook on the jaw. Percy Laycock, of Sheffield, was referee, and W. Gill timekeeper.

BOXING AT THE LAMBETH SCHOOL of Arms.—Exhibition Boxing: Tom Breewood (Westminster) v. Bill Charles (Westminster). Tom Hall (Lambeth) v. Ted Jones (Lambeth). Mick Mathias (Lambeth) v. George Spooney (Lambeth). Six Rounds Contest: "Tit Bits" (Westminster) beat Darkey McCall (Westminster). Six Rounds Contest: Lew Bramson (St. James's) beat Fred Langton (Bermondsey).

BOXING AT THE NEW GOODWIN Club.—The New Goodwin Club held their sixth entertainment last Wednesday, when a splendid programme was staged. The show started with an eight rounds contest between Bill Lampshire, Islington, and Dave Morbin, Walworth.—Round 1. Lampshire looked in better condition than his opponent, but was rather slow, and Morbin, who is very clean, left off with the lead. Round 2. The Islingtonian tried to mix it, but Dave was not having any, and to the end he acted more on the defensive. Round 3. Lampshire always forced the work, and he took a slight lead in this bout. Round 4. A roar of laughter greeted some of Lampshire's efforts to send the right home and finish the contest. Round 5. Condition began to tell its tale, and the strongest man nearly finished it, Morbin being in trouble at the close. Round 6. A fine meeting, Lampshire having a big advantage when they retired. Round 7. This and the last round were well contested, both doing their best, and at the finish the judges disagreed, and the referee's vote went to Lampshire. Charley Ryder, of Hoxton, and Harry Berry, of Stepney, next took the floor for an eight rounds contest.—Two fine, tall, young fellows these were, both over 10st, and a fine battle ensued, Ryder having the best of a severe rally in the first round. Round 2. Another fine bout, Ryder swinging a little too round to do any damage. Round 3. A grand meeting, Ryder using his left hand to advantage, leaving off with the lead. Round 4. "Berry, don't hold!" was the cry of the referee, and a fine round ended in Ryder being still in advance. Round 6. The Hoxton representative caught a flush hit at the start, Berry getting a couple more home, Ryder towards the finish of the round doing better. Round 6. Berry opened at a fair pace, and the meeting was hotly contested, the round being almost level. Round 7. Berry showed better in this, doing most of the work, and he wiped off some of the arrears. Round 8. Both joined in a fierce rally, and after fighting all over the ring the decision went to Ryder. Ten rounds contest between Tom King (Aldgate) and "Nimble" White (Wapping).—Round 1. Owing to King's stooping condition, White looked heavier, and the former's rushes were well met during the meeting. Round 2. White used a straight left-hand, but King was always there, and forced the work. Round 3. A grand round, King sending the right home. Again it went there, and White was on the boards when time was called. On time for the fourth being called, as White was very groggy, the referee gave his award to King. Ten rounds contest, three minutes a round, between Bert Cooke (Kentish Town) and Jem Jackson (Kentish Town) for a side stake and the N.G.C. purse. The men were looked after by Patsy Griffiths, Bill Baxter, George Penny, and Harry Greenfield. Round 1. Cooke looked heavier than his opponent and was a much better boxer, turning the tap on and taking a long lead in the opening round, Jackson not knowing much of the game and depending on strength. Round 2. Jackson went a lot better and forced the exchanges from start to finish, it being almost equal. When they stood up for Round 3, Jackson's eye began to show signs of his opponent's handiwork, being black and a lump had formed there. Round 4. Cooke was very weak and his rival was cautioned for shouldering and both were glad of a rest. Round 5. Jackson cautioned again for using his shoulder, and a very punishing meeting ended with the call of time. Round 6. First one and then the other had the best of it, both showing signs that they had been fighting. Round 7. Cooke during the last half minute had Jackson dead beat, but could not finish him. Round 8. Jackson's eye was fast closing, but as game as could be, he fought out the round, at times having Cooke in trouble. Round 9. Jackson forced the pace, using both hands to advantage, having a bit the best of this meeting. Round 10. Both came up eager at the call, and a fierce battle ensued, first one and then the other having the best of it, and after a good game battle the award went to Jackson, after the judges disagreed. Cooke's hand went in the first round, and consequently he had to use the right; it was this that most likely cost him the battle.

SOLLY SMITH, of California, who a few years ago ranked as one of the best feather-weights in Yankeeland, displayed rare form in a twenty-five rounds bout with Frank Patterson, of Brooklyn, at the Hercules A.C. The men met at 122lb, and at the end there was not much to choose between them. The verdict was a draw. A crowd of large proportions was present, and the decision was hailed with approval. Smith seemed to have considerable speed and vitality, and rushed incessantly. His blows were heavy, too, and landed frequently. Patterson, who has not done much fighting of late, was in fine condition, and put up a clever, consistent fight. Smith did most of the leading, but Patterson offset this advantage by scoring te ling knocks.

TED MOORE, OF KING'S CROSS, to George Raby, of Canning Town.—Ted Moore would like to box George Raby from five pounds upwards. An early answer will oblige.

THE NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB'S Appeal.—Judgment was given in this case on Thursday by Justices Channell and Bucknill. It was an appeal from the decision of Sir F. Lushington, the Bow Street magistrate, who had convicted and fined the appellants, the National Sporting Club, at the instance of the respondent, A. W. Cope, an officer of the Inland Revenue, for selling spirits, wine, beer, and tobacco without having the licenses required by various licensing and Excise Statutes. The Court dismissed the appeal, with costs. Their Lordships pointed out that an ordinary proprietary club, pure and simple, where the proprietor got the profit of the business, required a license; and in this case, as some of the shareholders who received the dividends were not members of the club, this was not a distribution of common property, and the club came within the principle applicable to proprietary clubs.

DAVE WALLACE v. ANGUS GRIFFO.—Dan Meredith, of St. Andrew's Hall, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff, is responsible for the above match. A few evenings since a well-known Welsh athlete, hearing sounds of revelry issuing from a small Welsh pub., entered the house, and there he saw Wallace indulging in a step dance, while Angus Griffo was singing in an atmosphere so thick with smoke that, speaking metaphorically, one could cut it. "Fine training for these lads," said the athlete. "What do you mean?" said the landlord. "Why, when I was on the cinder path I would not pass through an atmosphere like this for fear I should lose five or six yards."

"MYSTERIOUS" BILLY SMITH lost his fight with Rube Ferns on a foul in the twenty-first round of their meeting at the Hawthorne Club at Buffalo. Up to that stage Smith had the better of the contest. He had knocked Ferns down fifteen times, had cut his eye open, jabbed his left ear raw, and split his nose. The Kansas man gave a marvellous exhibition of endurance, taking the punishment and coming back for more. Smith was unmarked, strong, and in good wind. Both men had been warned for fouling, and the blow which Referee Eddie McBride declared to be foul was of no consequence. McBride alleged that Smith hit Ferns in a clinch.

FIGHTING MEN AND THEIR RELICS.—Some time since Jem Mace's trophy, the "Great Wyndham Cup," found its way to an auction. Now we have relics of Tom Sayers. Thirty-five years ago a noted fighting man, Tom Sayers, passed from the scene of his combats. He was under forty when he died, yet his name has endured. And last Thursday, at Messrs. Sotheby's, a pair of horn goblets engraved with the arms of the Bricklayers' Company, realised thirty-two shillings. They were once the property of Tom Sayers. To complete the mournful nature of the decadence of pugilistic relics a small golden goddess from South America was knocked down for £100.

THE CURLEY v. SMITH CONTEST.—Jemmy Lowes has a great opinion of Will Curley. Says Jemmy in a recent letter to us: "Smith never ceased trying, but Curley proved too clever for him. I think Curley the cleverest boxer for his weight in England. I think you would think the same if you were to see him going." We should have seen Curley going in answer to Jemmy Lowes' invite, but the Curley v. Smith fight was unfortunately only one event of importance during an unusually busy boxing week.

GEORGE SMITH, of H.M.S. Royal Adelaide, Chatham, will box Harry Dunstan or T. Lidstone, of Portsmouth, the best of ten or fifteen rounds, if the N.S.C. will give a purse.

BOB HARTNALL (Hammersmith, late Islington), will box Bill Gorrie, of Somers Town, if Mr. Hulls or New Goodwin will give a purse. An early answer will oblige. This is also open to Jack Lewis, the black, and Ted Goodson.

GEORGE HUNT, of Salford, in reply to George Harper to box him at 7st, is sorry to state that he cannot do that weight, but will box him according to his challenge at catch-weight for the best purse offered in Lancashire.

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DEATH OF JEM BUTLER, THE Liverpool Black.—One of the old links between the present and the past, Jem Butler, of Liverpool, died last week and was buried on Saturday. The deceased expired at the Mill Road Hospital last Wednesday. We last saw Butler when he seconded the "Cooler" in his match with Dick O'Brien.

JACK DILLON, of Dundee, is open to box any man in the North of Scotland the best of twenty rounds at 8st 10lb, with small gloves, for a tenner or upwards, or any man at 8st 10lb in the old style for a tenner and the championship of the North. None barred; business only meant. By depositing the money at THE MIRROR OF LIFE a match can be made.

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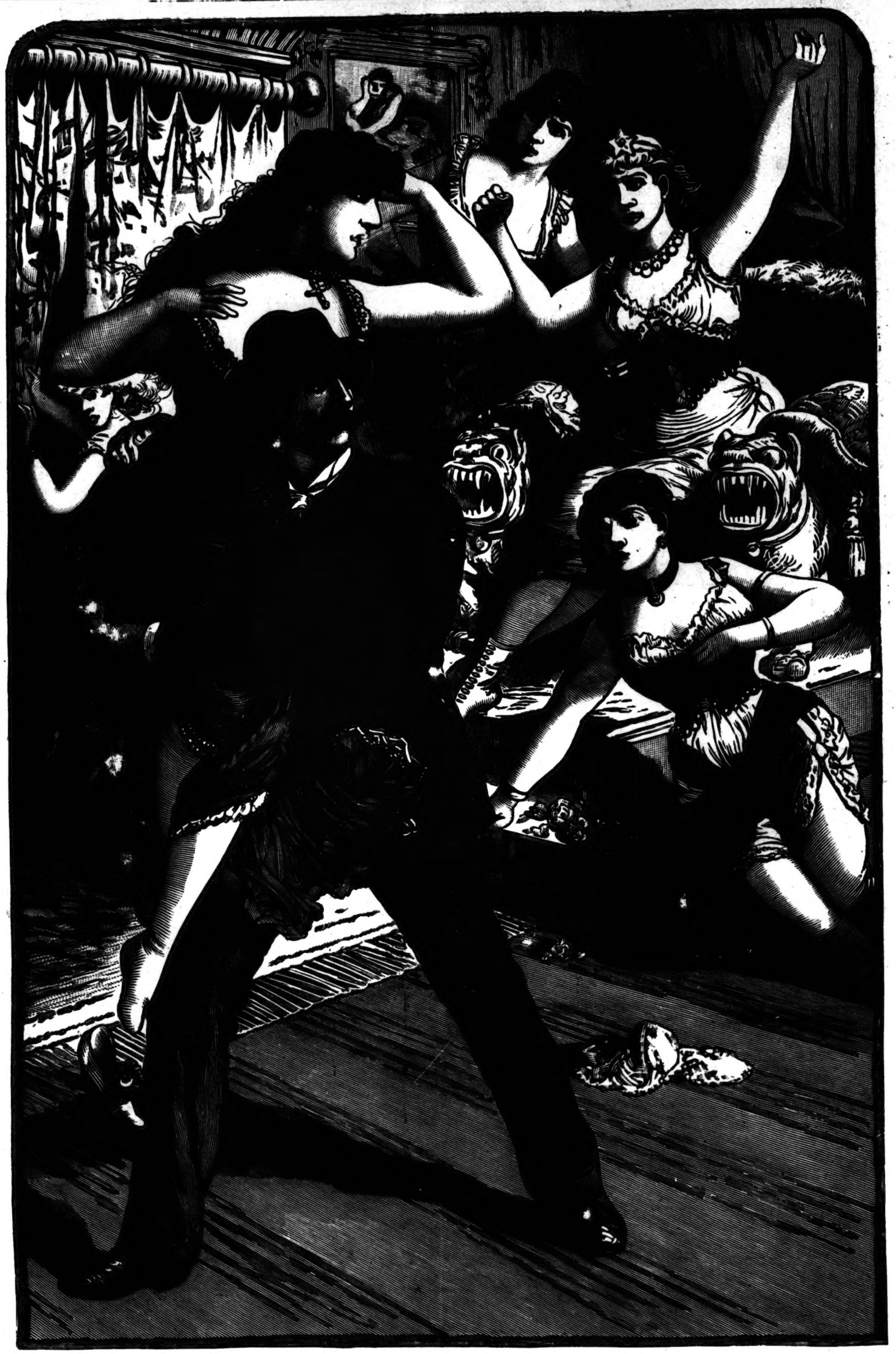

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